THE WEATHER

Rain and warmer tonight and Wednesday morning, followed by clearing and colder weather Wednesday afternoon; high southeast winds becoming northwest

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USED BIG KNIFE

Serious Stabbing in Sullivan's Court

Pole Slashed in Throat and Body by Compatriot—His Assailant Went Down by Blow From Officer's Club

Patrolman George Marshall took chances Sunday evening and won. He tired his club at a fellow who was wanted for assault with a knife. The club struck the fugitive in the back of the head and he went down and out. The stabbing took place at Frank Tiblosk'i's boarding house, 6 Sullivan's court, off Fenwick street. George Szat of Richmond avenue and Andrew Pitchotek who makes his home any place he hangs his hat, engaged in an altercation over religion and after the wanderer got through using his knife Szat was sent to the hospital bleeding from ugly gashes on his neck, face and legs.

The stabbing was done in the presence of two men and one woman but the stabber was not interfered with until he had satisfied his greed for gore and when the police went to the house to investigate the case they found that the witnesses of the affair were not disposed to talk and it was only after threatening to take them all to the police station that they decided to tell how it happened.

Andre Biedron's wife told the story. She said that the two men had been quarreling about religion and that Pitchotek was the first to show fight. He grabbed Szat and pushed him down on a lounge, drew a long knife from his hip pocket and slashed Szat in the neck, face and legs. The cutting was not reported to the police for nearly an hour after it occurred and before the ambulance arrived to take the wounded man to the hospital he was very weak from loss of blood.

Officers on their beats were told to be on the lokout for Pitchotek and at about 11.30 last night Patrolman George Marshall came upon the fellow in Middlesex street. Pitchotek saw the officer and ran away. The officer gave chase and when near the rear of the Fiske block he threw his club at Pitchotek. The club struck the running man squarely in the back of the head and he was knocked down. It took him but a few moments, however, to collect his scattered senses and when he did he showed fight. Officer Marshall held him until Sergt. Crowley and other officers went to his assistance.

Pitchotek was fleeing from Sergt. Crowley and Special Officer Regis when brought down by Officer Marshall's club. Sergt. Crowley and Special Officer Regis followed Pitchotek to Williams street and saw him enter a house. The officers burst in the door and while so doing Pitchotek made his escape through a back window.

The man dashed into Central street with Sergt. Crowley a close second. The sergeant, however, was handicapped by the amount of clothes he wore and the fugitive got away from him and when it came Officer Marshall's time to act he threw his club with telling effect. Pitchotek came to Lowell from New York a few weeks ago and his compatriots in this city claim not to know very much about him.

Another arrest was made Sunday afternoon in connection with Sunday night's stabbing affray when Inspector Maher and Warrant Officer Bumps went to Frank Tiblosky's boarding-house and arrested a young Pole by the name of John Slamie, aged 21, on a charge of assault. When the man was taken to the station he was placed under $300 bonds but soon found a brother Pole to go security for his appearance in court this morning.

Yesterday morning when the victim of the assault had regained consciousness and learned that his assailant had been captured, he informed the attendant at the hospital that the man under arrest was not the only one who gave him a pummelling, but alleged that while he was laying on the floor suffering from his wounds, Slamie pounced upon him and applied several blows to his face and body.

In police court today Pitchotek was ordered to recognize in the sum of $100 for his appearance before the court one week from today.

John Slamie who was also arrested in connection with the assault at Tiblesky's boarding-house was charged with assault and battery and his case was continued.

SPANISH WAR VETS.

General Ames camp, Spanish War Veterans, will meet in Memorial hall this evening to elect officers. A large attendance is expected.

HELD IN $5000

Booth Bound Over for Killing Parkinson

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 27—Frederick W. Booth, the young man taken into custody on Saturday night for killing John Parkinson in a fight resulting from a dispute over a game of dice, was arraigned before Justice J. J. McDonough in the second district court this morning for alleged manslaughter and also for assault and battery upon Parkinson. The defendant was represented by Attorney C. R. Cummings who entered a plea of not guilty to both complainants and signified readiness for trial.

The government was likewise ready for trial and immediately produced eleven witnesses. Only three, however, were called, their evidence being deemed sufficient to warrant holding the defendant for the superior court.

He was ordered held on the charge of manslaughter, the assault and battery complaint being not pressed. The bail was fixed at $5000.

FIRE ON OSGOOD STREET.

A lively fire broke out in a small building in Osgood street occupied by Gordon C. Bixby, in the manufacture of Salt-O-Nuts, shortly before five o'clock yesterday morning. The fire, while it did not do a great deal of damage, threatened many buildings in the vicinity and for a time the firemen had a hard task on their hands. The cause of the fire is a mystery to Chief Hosmer, and although theory that it was of incendiary origin has been advanced, he does not think that the fire was set.

This wooden building is about 18 by 12 feet and about a story high and is in the rear of a dwelling house, the entire property belonging to Mr. Jessie G. Bixby, the father of the young man who makes the nuts.

The fire was discovered shortly before five o'clock yesterday morning by a paper boy who happened to be passing through the street. The boy notified the people in the house and then went and pulled in an alarm from box 86 located at the corner of School and Liberty street. In the mean time Gordon Bixby arose from bed and when the fire pieces of apparatus were coming through the street he had opened the door of the workshop.

When the firemen arrived the whole interior of the place was ablaze, though when Mr. Bixby burst into the nut works, the boxes piled in the upper half-story were burning fiercely, although there was very little flame on the ground floor. Once the department got its hose pumping water into the place, every burning, living ember was quenched.

Although there was an oil heater in the building, it is not believed the fire originated from that.

Chief Hosmer is undecided as to what caused the fire but does not believe that it was of incendiary origin for everything was locked up tight. The fire may lead to an investigation. The loss will probably be about $150.

SLIGHT FIRE IN SUN OFFICE.

A slight fire occurred in The Sun building Monday forenoon. Some fat fell upon a hot stove in Putnam's dining room and the blaze went up a ventilator shaft, setting the wood work on fire. The janitor discovered the blaze just in time and did splendid work with the emergency hose. A still alarm was sent in and the firemen found the blaze creeping along the air space between the ceiling and roof and had to pull down part of the ceiling to get at the hidden flame. The loss will not be heavy.

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Men's LOW RUBBERS 1st Quality 50c

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OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

STARVED TO DEATH

Little Girl Neglected Herself to Care for Children

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The celebration in New York of the glad Christmas-tide was not without its pathetic features, and many sad cases come to the attention of the authorities.

A neatly dressed young woman was found unconscious on a bench in Riverside drive yesterday. The drifting snow had partially hidden her from view. The girl died before reaching a hospital. The ambulance surgeon was of the opinion that death resulted from long exposure without nourishment. It is believed that she wandered all Christmas day and night until she sank down to die in plain sight of some of the finest drives in New York.

Nine-year-old Jeannette McCoy of East 102d street whose father was ill and unable to work, has been caring for her young brothers and sisters while her mother supported the family by washing and scrubbing. Yesterday the little girl, worn out by her efforts, was taken to a hospital where it was found she was suffering from diphtheria and a few hours later she was dead. The physicians said she had literally starved herself to death in her endeavors to keep the other four children alive.

Two brutal hold-ups, one of which may result in the death of George Sasson, took up the attention of the Brooklyn police yesterday. Sasson was set upon in the street by three men who struck him with a baseball bat, fracturing his skull.

The footpads were frightened away while in the act of robbing the man.

Alexander Maslwyoke and Angelo Wesarik of Brooklyn, were severely beaten by highwaymen and robbed of $100 in Brooklyn.

A fire in an Allen street house early yesterday, following a Christmas celebration, caused the death of two women and the serious injury of two women and a man.

Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of Caesar Young, passed a gloomy Christmas in the Tombs. She had anticipated celebrating her release from prison with her family in Washington and the fact that she will probably have to undergo another trial, made this Christmas the saddest of her life. Miss Patterson was sent an elaborate dinner by one of her counsel, but she ate little and wept continuously.

Tottering through the snow while suffering from pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Schneider, aged 23, fell swooning on a sidewalk in 45th street. Her husband died five months ago and left her penniless and she had been harbored by a woman friend. Her benefactor's husband became ill and believed he was about to be dispossessed. Last night, with starvation facing her and feeling very ill, Mrs. Schneider started to walk through the snow and sleet to a hospital. Her strength failed and she fainted. The physicians at Roosevelt hospital said she was suffering from double pneumonia and would die.

Vicenzo Luvario, who is said by the police to have been shot by Milo Carle at West Farms Saturday night, died last night without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Madeline McKay Williams, wife of a prominent citizen of Orange, N. J., drank carbolic acid and died before she could receive medical attention. Her act followed a discussion with her 16-year-old daughter over a dress which the young woman was to wear at a dance last night.

EARL OF SUFFOLK

Weds Miss Daisy Leiter in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Miss Margaret Hyde Leiter, the third and youngest daughter of the late Levi Z. and Mrs. Mary T. Carver Leiter, was married at noon yesterday at her home to Henry Molyneaux Paget Howard, the 19th earl of Suffolk and Berkshire.

The bride of yesterday was known to all her intimates as "Daisy" Leiter, and was very popular in society here and abroad.

The earl and his bride left immediately after the wedding for New York, and will sail on Wednesday on the steamship Baltic for England.

The ceremony was performed in the main dwelling room of the Leiter home, the same in which Miss Leiter's sister was married to Major Colin Campbell only a few weeks ago. Rev. Roland Cotton Smith of St. John's Episcopal church performed the ceremony, which was witnessed only by the immediate members of the Leiter family and two or three friends of the earl.

The family is in mourning because of the recent death of Mr. Leiter, and while the sombre mourning robes were temporarily laid aside for the wedding they were immediately resumed after it.

The decorations consisted of white flowers and green foliage, with here and there a touch of holly and mistletoe.

Joseph Leiter, as the head of the family, gave his sister in marriage. She had no attendants. She carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Her wedding dress was simply made of heavy white satin and lace. The tulle veil was held in place by a diamond tiara, a present from the earl. It is the bride's intention to wear this gown when presented to the queen in the spring. The earl of Suffolk was attended by Hon. Lionel Guest of England.

The earl will take his bride to Charlton park, a most beautiful estate of 10,000 acres, which is now presided over by the groom's mother, the countess of Suffolk, and his two sisters. The bride's marriage portion was something over $2,000,000, and it is likely that this may be largely increased.

Miss Leiter met the earl of Suffolk while in India at the coronation of her brother-in-law, Lord Curzon. She has always been very fond of outdoor sports, is an excellent cross country rider, and was a member of the hunting parties which were arranged during her stay in India.

The earl of Suffolk is a democratic nobleman, an ardent sportsman, and was an aide-de-camp on the staff of Lord Curzon for several years. He is popular and has been several times in America.

UP GOES THE PAY

The Registrars May Get $200 a Year More

The committee on salaries met in City Hall at 9.30 o'clock this morning with Councilmen Cheney, Baldwin and Mahoney and Alderman Hill present. The committee was called to order by chairman Cheney and immediately began a review of their work of last week, when they voted to increase the salary of the board of registrars $50 and cut down the salary of the fish warden to $25 per year.

The salary of the fish warden was restored to $40 per year as at present and the salary of registrars was increased $50, thus making the salary of the members $750 per year, and the chairman $900. No other business was transacted.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

WILL MEET NEXT THURSDAY MORNING.

The committee on accounts will meet Thursday morning to consider the department bills of the month and also to consider several bills that have been hanging fire for the past six months.

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LATEST

HE HANGED HIMSELF

Sad Death of Geo. C. Taylor in His Store

Evidently Committed Under Temporary Aberration of Mind—The Body Found on Upper Floor Almost Nude

George C. Taylor, of the firm of Cook, Taylor & Co., committed suicide late last night by hanging himself in one of the workrooms on the third floor of the building occupied by the firm in Central street. The body was discovered shortly before 7 o'clock this morning by a man who washes windows and cleans up about the place. He found the body, which was nude, dangling from a rope which was attached to a bar which was formerly used for a punching bag. The body when found was cold, showing that death had occurred many hours before the discovery occurred.

He was seen yesterday by many of his friends who did not notice anything particularly strange about him, and was seen to enter the store shortly after 2.30 p. m. by the janitor. In all probability he did not leave it again. The circumstances point to sudden aberration of mind.

It was supposed by some that losses in the stock market caused his rash act, but his relatives assert that he has been most successful in all his stock ventures and that financial troubles cannot be assigned as the cause of his suicide.

THE BODY FOUND.

It was shortly before 7 o'clock this morning when the man who washes the windows and cleans up the place was making his way through the building that he discovered the dead body of Mr. Taylor. The man in question had made his way to the third story and was passing through one of the workrooms when he noticed Mr. Taylor's body hanging from one of the door casings as he thought.

He was dumbfounded for a few seconds, but recovering he went over and found that the body was cold, and that life was extinct, showing that the victim had been dead for a number of hours.

Alderman Albion C. Taylor, a brother of the deceased was notified as were Drs. Irish and Meigs and all were terribly shocked at the news.

After entering the store Mr. Taylor evidently made his way directly to the workroom on the floor where he was discovered for his desk and the different papers in the office were undisturbed. After reaching the workroom he must have undressed as he folded each piece of clothing very carefully and laid them one by one on the table.

The rope used had previously been thrown over the bar over the door casing and climbing on top of the table he evidently jumped or dropped off, death resulting shortly afterwards.

It is not known at what hour he did the deed, but Dr. Meigs after examining the body said that the man had been dead about twelve hours.

The body was nude with the exception of a small piece of cloth which was tied across the groins, and a pair of brown kid gloves on the hands. His feet were bound together as were his hands and wrists. The rope, which was a rather short one was tied tightly about his neck and the other end was attached to a bar which hung from a door casing to the wall.

The bar over which the rope was suspended was formerly a part of a punching bag stand and was used in a former club room which occupied the rooms before the Cook, Taylor & Co., enlarged their quarters.

NO MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE.

The next thing which was looked for was why Mr. Taylor should desire to die. He has always been considered an honest and upright man and one of Lowell's leading businessmen. He had a very lucrative business and there was no reason why he should desire to die, even if he had suffered money losses, but his friends say he has gained heavily instead of losing by his speculation in stocks.

One of the medical examiners in attendance who was a particular friend of Mr. Taylor, stated that he was of the opinion that Mr. Taylor had a streak of insanity and that during one of those spells he decided to end his life. On many occasions, it is said, Mr. Taylor acted very strangely and that he was an eccentric man.

The business men of the city were shocked when they learned the sad news of Mr. Taylor's death and could not account for it as he was held in great esteem by the different business men throughout the city.

The mother of Mr. Taylor was greatly shocked at the report of her son's death, although the details were withheld from her.

The only other relative who survives Mr. Taylor is his brother Alderman Albion C. Taylor, who was nearly prostrated when the sad news reached him.

BOTH STORES CLOSED UP.

The employes at the Central street store, soon after reporting this morning, were apprised of the facts connected with the case and were excused from work for the present.

The body after being examined by Medical Examiner Irish and his assistant, Dr. Meigs, was taken to the warerooms of Undertaker J. B. Currier in Prescott street to be removed to the home, 166 Fairmount street, later in the afternoon. The death return, at the time of going to press, had not been signed.

Dr. Meigs and Mr. McKinley looked over the books in the store to find if there was any possible cause for Mr. Taylor's rash deed but found nothing whatever that would indicate anything wrong.

The news of Mr. Taylor's death has brought keen sorrow to his friends throughout the city and also to his many employes in both his stores, to whom he was always very kind and considerate. His aged mother and brother have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

POOR WIFE'S PLEA

Supported a Family on $5.50 a Week

Nerves Gave Out and She Got Drunk—She Told Her Troubles to Judge Hadley and Was Placed on Probation

A woman who pleaded for release in the police court today said that she had taken a few drinks because she was tired and discouraged. "My husband is sick, your honor," she said, "and I have been supporting him for the last five months. I admit I was intoxicated, but it was the second time in all my life, and if you let me go I guarantee it will not happen again. I earn but $5.50 a week, so you see it would be impossible for me to spend very much money for drink." The woman was placed on probation.

This woman was a sample of the many varieties that appeared in the police court today. Great strong men pleaded for another chance and weak women asked that they be placed in the care of the probation officer.

James Kane was charged with being drunk in Chelmsford. So far as the place is concerned it made little difference to James, but in order to make the returns read clear the clerk said "Chelmsford." James said he was in the habit of taking a drink but that he had never been seen drunk about the village and he allowed that was a heap in his favor. It was charged against him that he did not work and that his wife supported him. In reply to this accusation he said that he helped his wife do the washings that she brought in. He was placed on probation and was given to understand that unless he puts his shoulder to the wheel and help to support his family he will have to take a trip to the state farm.

ABOUT THOSE POTATOES.

Two fellows bought a car load of potatoes from one Mr. McDonald a few days ago and because they did not do as they agreed they were taken to the police station.

One of them was arraigned a few days ago and the court ordered a continuance because the government did not have the case well in hand. Joseph St. Cyr was the first man arraigned and this morning Oliver Fournier was asked to plead to a complaint charging him with the larceny of the potatoes. He pleaded guilty and a settlement was arrived at.

OUT TYNGSBORO WAY.

Vincent Trembley was charged with drunkenness. Vincent didn't speak very good English and he told the court that "somebody come drive on him". The court was unable to interpret his speech and he was asked to repeat. "Somebody come push on me because I'll not be here. I'm work on the public library in Tyngsboro and I'll go back on top the job, quick as hurr-ee." Vincent was ordered to pay a fine of $6.

OTHER DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Eight of the first offenders were released and four were fined $2 each. Margaret McGuiggan was sentenced to the common jail for a term of three months and the same dose was dealt out to Chas. D. Connors. John Cunningham will spend the next three months at the common jail and Louis St. Cyr's address, for a while, will be the state farm. John McDonough, James D. Blodgett and William Martin and Peter J. Clune were fined $6 each.

CREMATORY LOAN

Has Not Been Signed by Mayor

Mayor Howe was at city hall bright and early this morning and gave his attention to several matters of importance. It is understood, however, that he has not as yet placed his official signature upon the crematory $10,000 loan, although it seems to have a favorable consideration at the hands of the executive office.

Have you a friend who has a hard cold?

Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it in the house. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors have known the formula for over sixty years. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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H. J. KEYES.

The Central Savings Bank

58 Central St.

Deposits, - - - - $4,020,626.73
Surplus, - - - - 243,757.33

Interest begins quarterly.

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LADIES! LADIES!

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CHRIST'S NATIVITY

Grandly Celebrated in all the Local Churches

Inspiring Music, Touching Sermons and Beautiful Decorations all Appropriate to Christmas Festival

Christmas has come and gone. The one great festival of the Christian year has sped on the wings of time and the soul of man is richer in the fruition of the birth of Christ. The festival is rich in the tradition of nineteen centuries and it brings gladness to young and old in all lands where the name of Jesus of Nazareth is known. The day was one of well-nigh unalloyed joy in Lowell. On Sunday every church in the city was filled to the doors while the glorious strains of the music of the nativity or the glad songs of children rejoicing in the coming of the "child Jesus," or the earnest words of men who told the story of the dawn of the Christmas era carried the thoughts of all to the manger in Bethlehem.

In all the Roman Catholic churches throughout the city Christmas day was observed with all the impressiveness prescribed by the rubrics of the church enhanced by profuse floral decorations and especially elaborate musical services.

In the Protestant churches there were sermons and special musical programs. The day was crisp, cold and bright and the general joy of the season brought thousands of worshippers to the altar.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

The religious services at St. Michael's church in observance of the birth of Christ were held Sunday morning and evening. All the masses were attended by large congregations and at the parish mass at 10.30 the seating capacity of the church was tested. Many visitors who had come from other cities to spend the holidays with relatives were noticed at the service. Many were attracted by the fine musical program that is a feature of feast days at St. Michael's. The altar was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and greenery and was brilliantly illuminated by the numerous incandescent lights and wax tapers. The priests wore vestments of white and gold and there was evidence of the joyous season in every part of the church. Rev. Francis J. Mullin was celebrant of the mass, Rev. E. A. Carney deacon and Rev. Denis Murphy subdeacon.

Rev. John J. Shaw occupied his seat on the gospel side of the sanctuary.

The master of ceremonies was Frank Monahan and the sermon was delivered by Rev. E. A. Carney. The choir under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy numbered 60 voices and was accompanied by the Pentucket orchestra of Haverhill. Miss Carolyn White presided at the organ. Haydn's mass in C major, No. 4, was sung. The quartet portions of the mass were sustained by the regular quartet of the church, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Nano Gallagher, Messrs. James A. Murphy and Thomas Bouiger. The Quonian solo in the Gloria was sung by Mrs. Murphy, whose voice seemed stronger and sweeter than ever. This solo is undoubtedly one of the best in the entire mass and the great range of her voice was never shown to better advantage.

Previous to the sermon Miss Nano Gallagher sang Brizzi's "Veni Creator" a contralto solo, with great feeling and devotion. The grand "Noel" by Van Reyschoot, with tenor solo and chorus was sung at the offertory. Mr. Murphy's clear tenor voice was especially pleasing in the high notes and the chorus was excellent. Mr. Bouiger had the solo in the Agnus Dei and his powerful voice filled every part of the edifice. The entire musical portion of the service was even ahead of what the people of St. Michael's are accustomed to and that is saying a great deal. Mr. Murphy takes the greatest interest in the work of the choir and undoubtedly the enthusiasm he shows is inspiring to the members.

At the vesper service in the evening it was almost impossible to get into the church so large was the congregation. People came from all over the city, and many not of the Catholic faith were attracted by the excellence of the musical program.

The officers of the ceremony were Rev. J. J. Shaw, celebrant; Rev. Francis Mullin, deacon; Rev. Denis Murphy, sub-deacon; Rev. Eugene Carney, master of ceremonies. The music was of the same quality as that given at the mass in the morning. The Italian vespers of Cerruti for quartet, chorus, orchestra and organ were given with a degree of confidence that betokened a ready knowledge of the work. Mr. Bouiger's singing of the "Tu es sacerdos" was notable for the pleasing and assertive rendition that the singer gave of this beautiful example of Italian legato writing. The duo for soprano and alto sung by Mrs. Mabel Ware Murphy and Miss Nano Gallagher, incited devotion because of its prayer-like setting, and the interpretation that it received. Particular mention might be made, had we space, of the entire program, it was so well given. What always proves a pleasant feature of the feast day observances at this church was again heard at the vesper service—the singing of Christmas carols by the children of the school. Their work reflected much credit upon their teachers, the Dominican sisters.

THE CRIB.

The crib is erected in the basement at one of the side altars. The representation is perfect, and the figures are all life size. The stable at Bethlehem where the Child was born occupies the entire section of the sanctuary and under the roof which to the visitor seems to be of hewn stone, sit Mary watching over her Little One, and Joseph. The other figures occupy positions around the Infant Jesus. Overhead is the star of Bethlehem and the entire arrangement is very devotional and suggests the work of some artist hand. It will remain up until after New Year's and undoubtedly thousands will pay a visit to it during the week.

GIFT TO FR. SHAW.

The chair and pie-dieu for the pastor and the bench for the officers of the services, presented by the Immaculate Conception sodality were used for the first time yesterday. They are elegant pieces of furniture, of solid oak, hand carved, and upholstered in green leather.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

The Christmas services at St. Peter's church were conducted in the usual impressive and solemn manner. The immense church, grand in its every niche and every portion, was made still grander, if that be possible, by the addition of an immense amount of greenery which everywhere was in evidence. Decorations in this church were profuse. Potted plants, evergreens and flowers were tastefully arranged about the sanctuary and the side altars. These together with the lighted tapers, the 500 incandescent lights, the golden candlesticks, and the rich bejeweled vestments, added to the solemnity and impressiveness of the occasion.

The services at this church were at the customary Sunday morning hours, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.30 o'clock. The last mass at 10.30 o'clock was the principal service of the day and a solemn high mass was celebrated. The congregation was fortunate in having for the deacon and the sub-deacon of this mass two natives of the parish and in fact two boys who now reside in the parish. These two young men are now attending college, one of them in the seminary at St. Bonaventure's college, Alleghany, N. Y., his name is James Murray, and having received that dignity only a few days previous to Christmas. The sub-deacon, Mr. James C. Cassidy, is a student at the college of Mt. St. Mary's, and formerly resided in this parish on Chapel street. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. Fr. Mullin. The sermon for the festival was preached by the Rev. Fr. McDermott. The reverend speaker delivered a most eloquent discourse on the birth of the Divine Son of God. His humble birth in the stable was contrasted with the birth of the princes of this world who are brought forth in all the grandeur and splendor that this world can afford, surrounded by luxury and elegance. He congratulated the parishioners on their good work during the past year and sincerely wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Rev. Fr. Hefferman was master of ceremonies at the solemn mass.

The vesper services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Hefferman and he was assisted by Rev. Mr. Murray as deacon and Rev. Fr. McDermod as sub-deacon. Rev. Fr. Hefferman preached the sermon.

The choir was directed by Mr. John Warburton and was assisted by the Middlesex orchestra at both services. The solos were sustained by Mr. James E. Donnelly and Miss Mollie Ivers. Mrs. J. M. McKennedy was organist.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The Christmas service at the Immaculate Conception was of the old-time order for which this church is noted, grand in every feature, decoration, ceremonial and music.

The altar looked handsome with flowers and festoons and lines of greenery that descended from the dome above. These were carried around the sides of the edifice and the massive columns were twined with them, producing altogether a most striking effect.

But the altar itself when illumined with numerous tapers and electric lamps, together with the flaming cross above, was a most impressive sight, while the crib representing the nativity, showing the infant Jesus, the shepherds and the miraculous star, was quite realistic.

The music by the choir was inspiring and the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Dorgan, O. M. I., was a touching discourse, treating of the nativity of Christ as a mystery of love, and extending a cordial greeting to the people of the parish, the aged who have been the upbuilders of the church, the young and vigorous, the children and the good sisters in charge of the educational work in the schools.

There were many masses in the early hours, the first at 6 o'clock, and hundreds of communicants approached the altar. At the solemn mass at 10.30 there was a large congregation, including many not of the Catholic belief. The celebrant was Rev. D. A. Sullivan, O. M. I., with Rev. Fr. Lawrence Gschwind, O. M. I., and Rev. J. A. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I., as deacons. The great and impressive feature was the first appearance of the large sanctuary choir of 127 boys and young men, organized and trained during the past three weeks by Fr. Sullivan. They wore cassocks and surplices, with large bows of red ribbon on their breasts. In procession they passed down the centre aisle singing "Holy Night," an arrangement from the German by Fr. Sullivan, and "Morn of Gladness."

Master Carol Sullivan led the procession, carrying a large bouquet of roses.

The solo in the "Holy Night" was beautifully sung by Master Gerald Beane. The choir also sang the responses during the mass with fine effect.

The church choir sang Haydn's Imperial mass, assisted by the American orchestra, which also took part in the vesper service. Mr. P. P. Haggerty conducted with Mrs. Haggerty at the organ.

In the evening solemn musical vespers was celebrated and a very large congregation was present. Rev. Fr. Sullivan's ability as a musical director and composer was well displayed in the musical portion of the service.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The services at St. Patrick's church were of the most elaborate and impressive character. The basement of the church never looked so well, for everything was made cheerful and everyone felt that indeed this was the day on which glad tidings of joy were brought to the hearts of men. Greenery was in evidence and beautiful festoons of evergreen covered the side walls and the pillars. The altar was one blaze of glory. Lighted tapers were everywhere, and these together with the golden vestments of the celebrating priests and the brilliant electric lights made this scene one long to be remembered, and one that the parishioners of St. Patrick's church will ever feel grateful for. The old church which in its way has the most magnificent in the city, and the ceremonial of which outshone in splendor almost all the other churches, was burned about a year ago and since that time the faithful have been obliged to worship in halls and the old basement, but nevertheless the rector, Rev. William O'Brien, determined that this year the feast of Christmas would be observed with all the old time dignity of the Catholic church, and neither he nor his good people were disappointed.

The masses of the day were at the usual Sunday hours, namely, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. The last mass was a solemn high mass. The celebrant was the Rev. Fr. Gratton; deacon, Fr. McHugh; sub-deacon, Fr. Callahan; master of ceremonies, the revered pastor of the church, Fr. O'Brien.

The sermon of the day was preached by Fr. Callahan, who in a most eloquent manner described the birth of the Saviour of the world in the manger. He drew a most touching lesson from the humble birth of the God-man in the humble stable. He spoke of His mission on this earth and of the glad tidings which His coming had for the faithful. He pictured the lowly shepherds tending their flocks on the hillsides when they were surprised with the great light about them and how they became afraid, and how they were assured that they need not fear by the angels who spoke to them and informed them of the birth of Jesus Christ.

A very large congregation attended the solemn vespers in the evening. The celebrant at the vesper service was Rev. Fr. Callahan assisted by the Rev. Frs. McHugh and O'Brien. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Fr. McHugh, who made a very powerful and eloquent effort.

The music for the festival was in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion, and was of the most elaborate kind. The director of the choir, Michael J. Johnson, left no stone unturned to make the musical program equal if not surpass all previous celebrations, and he certainly succeeded beyond his most sanguine hopes.

The choir directed by Mr. Michael J. Johnson and assisted by Hibbard's orchestra, sang special music. The solos of the mass were sustained by Miss Ethel Ranger, Miss Harriet Courtney, Mr. John J. McNabb and Mr. Daniel S. O'Brien.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

The high mass at St. Joseph's church Sunday morning was very largely attended and Rev. Fr. Desroches, O. M. I., officiated with Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I. as deacon and Rev. Brother Flaisance of Tewksbury as sub-deacon. Rev. Fr. Vlaud, O. M. I., delivered the sermon.

L'Abbe Perrault's Christmas mass, the "Missa Des Onfanti" was sung with excellent effect by the choir under the able direction of Mr. Edouard Vincelette, ensemble and detail alike, showing thorough training of its singers in their parts. Miss Blanche Dexter was at the organ, and Rossell's orchestra of Fitchburg also assisted.

A delightful feature of the service was the singing of old French Noels by the children, at the offertory. In the evening Rev. Fr. Desroches, O. M. I., celebrated the vesper service with Rev. Fr. Vlaud, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Fr. Graton as sub-deacon.

The vespers of the harmonized plain chant were sung for the first time in the church, by a double quartet singing alternately with and without accompaniment. An "Ave Maria," by Cherubini, was also excellently sung by Miss Blanche Dextra, with string quartet accompaniment. The congregation at the vesper service, as at the mass, was very great.

ST. JEAN BAPTISE.

The congregations at the different masses at St. Jean Baptist church Sunday were very large, especially at the high mass which was sung by Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Dise, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Bro. McCarthy of Tewksbury as sub-deacon. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Fr. Lefebvre, O. M. I., the superior of St. Joseph's parish.

The choir, which was augmented for the occasion, was assisted by Larriqueur's orchestra and the organ accompaniment furnished by Miss Alma Alexander. La Fleche's St. Therese mass was sung, and given an excellent rendition under the baton of Dr. George E. Caisse, choirmaster. At vespers, the masterly way in which the long and elaborate musical program was rendered by the choir again delighted a large assembly of the faithful. Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., was the celebrant at vespers and benediction, with Rev. Fr. Dise, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., as sub-deacon.

The church was beautifully decorated with garlands and wreaths of evergreen, of which there was a profusion. The crib to the left of the main altar, was lighted with red and green bulbs, and with a large electric star of Bethlehem of which the effect was very striking. The main altar was a mass of flowers, with a brilliant display of electric illumination lighting up the whole sanctuary.

AT ST. ANTHONY'S.

St. Anthony's church was tastefully decorated with greenery and streamers in the prevailing Christmas colors of red and green, as well as a profusion of wreaths. The sanctuary was hung with banners on either side of the main altar, which was brilliantly illuminated. Rev. Fr. Rosa, the pastor, officiated and delivered the sermon of the occasion. After mass benediction was sung.

In the afternoon there were no vespers, but a Christmas cantata was sung in the basement of the church by some 35 children of the parish, under the direction of Fr. Rosa. Following the cantata, came a children's entertainment and the distribution of premiums, as well as candy, to the Sunday school pupils having deserved the reward. There were about 150 children present, besides their parents, and all very much enjoyed the singing of the beautiful Christmas cantata.

ST. LOUIS'S CHURCH.

St. Louis's church was prettily decorated. A new crib was attractively set among greenery as a background, proving the delight of the little children of the parish, who visited it in great numbers. In the morning Rev. Fr. Jacques, the pastor, officiated, and Rev. Fr. Gauthier, the curate, preached the sermon. The music was pleasing. Millard's mass in G being sung with fine effect by the choir under the direction of Oliv J. David, and with Miss Ida Mongrain at the organ. At the offertory a violin solo was played by Master Albini Foisy.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart yesterday services were held at the usual Sunday hours. At 10.30 o'clock a solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Flynn, O. M. I., and he was assisted by Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Fr. Haley, O. M. I., sub-deacon. Mr. Frank Golden was master of ceremonies and Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I., delivered the sermon, a touching discourse upon the great Christian festival. He extended the Christmas greeting to young and old and explained the spiritual meaning of the birth of Christ. There was a large congregation and the beautiful church was superbly decorated, the altar being aglow with lights and richly adorned with flowers and evergreens.

The vesper services in the evening were conducted by Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I. He was assisted by Rev. Fr. Flynn, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O. M. I., as sub-deacon.

Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon directed the choir at both the services, and the Gregorian music, almost exclusively, was sung.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

Very impressive services were held at St. John's hospital on Christmas day. At four o'clock in the morning the sisters arose and crossed the yard singing the "Adeste Fideles" and at 6.30 o'clock assembled in the chapel which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Three masses were held, all being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Phelan. The first mass was with music and the others low masses. The congregation included the Sisters of Charity, the pupil nurses, the lame, the blind, and the halt among the patients, and a few friends from outside. There was a benediction service at 4 p. m., with very beautiful singing.

The Christmas holiday was well remembered by friends of the hospital, as the gifts show:

Donations, cash, $153.85; several barrels of apples, Boyle Bros.; coffee, tea, jellies, cider, dates, figs, candies, oranges, nuts, cranberries; friends, a bushel of cranberries; friends, 3 dozen of oranges; a friend, candies for nurses and patients; a friend, basket of fruits, George R. Myers, 75 pounds of turkey; friends, flowers for patients; Ladies' of Charity, ice cream, candies and cake; Miss Hay of Shirley, 7 dozen of eggs; Putnam & Son Co., underwear for the poor patients; W. K. Aldrich, kindling wood. Thanksgiving donation: $10.00, apples and vegetables; Rev. Mr. Ford, society of the First Baptist church, sent baskets of fruits, toys and books to the poor sick children.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.

Christmas carols were sung by the surpliced choir of St. Anne's church Sunday evening at the vesper service. The eighteen boys and thirteen men who sang rendered many beautiful selections. The carols sung were "Christian, Awake; Salute the Happy Morn," "Across the Desert Sands By Night," (Dr. George C. Martin); "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep," (Stainer); "There's a Song in the Air," (Harry R. Day); "The Night in Solemn Stillness Lay," (J. G. Smith); and the recessional, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn).

One anthem was sung by the church choir. The choir was under the direction of Mr. E. K. Baldwin. The attendance was large at all of yesterday's services.

HOUSE OF PRAYER.

A midnight mass was celebrated at the House of Prayer in Walker street by Rev. A. C. Chapman.

At eight o'clock Sunday morning a service was held and at nine o'clock holy communion was celebrated.

The regular services came at 10.30. Rev. Mr. Chapman preached a sermon on Christmas. Last evening vespers were held at 7 o'clock. The church was handsomely decorated and the various services were all largely attended.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A carol hymn service at 7 o'clock drew a large congregation to St. John's church last night. The Sunday school children sang the hymns. The church was decorated. Rev. L. C. Manchester preached at the morning service, on Christmas.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

At St. Paul's church the morning sermon was preached by Rev. George B. Dunn, the pastor, and in the evening the Sunday school gave a Christmas concert. Those who took part in the concert were Doris and Edith Williamson, Louise Best, Adra Fessenden, Raymond Hager, Mildred and Etta McKewin, Lilla Campbell, Althea Eling and Isabella Fessenden. There were several department numbers and class and choir selections and Mr. Martin of the choir sang a solo. During the evening the pastor made brief remarks to the children and the superintendent of the Sunday school, Victor H. Meister, also spoke. Those who had charge of the arrangements were Mrs. Charles C. Howard, Mrs. E. J. Richardson, Miss Grace Colburn, Miss Martha Bradley, Mrs. Charles Drew and Miss Emma Drew. Charles Judge had the arrangement of the decorations.

ELIOT CHURCH.

The service at the Eliot Congregational church was very impressive and largely attended; and the church was very prettily decorated. The singing of the double quartet was excellent and the program which was long and varied was well carried out.

The boys' choir gave an anthem and the solo was well sung by Master Samuel Wright. Mrs. Roberts' solo was also a beautiful number.

In the evening the usual Sunday school concert was given under the direction of Supt. Hull.

KIRK STREET CHURCH.

The Christmas service at the Kirk street church was very largely attended Sunday, the auditorium being prettily decorated with holly, laurel and red flowers. Rev. George E. Martin, D.D., not only arranged an attractive program for the day, but also had the program printed, it being a very attractive souvenir.

The choir was in excellent voice, and sang very effectively. The anthem, "The Nativity," was especially finely sung, and Edward R. Wirt sang "A Christmas Song," the words and music of which were written by the pastor. The sermon in the morning was on the theme, "The Great Christmas Tone," and bore the message of the day.

At the session of the Sunday school, Henry A. Smith was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and Miss Belle F. Batchelder, superintendent of the juvenile department.

The Boys' club of the church, which contributed to the singing of the evening service, held a very interesting meeting with Dr. Martin in the church vestry at 4.30 o'clock. J. W. C. Pickering gave a talk, Christmas pictures were thrown upon the stereopticon screen, and plans were discussed for the coming annual banquet.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

There was a large attendance at the Crismas concert at the Immanuel Baptist church Christmas night. The Sunday school children gave the concert under the direction of Supt. Geo. B. Williams and the program carried out was a very pleasing one.

Mr. John H. Davis directed the musical section of the program, and Miss Gertrude French played the organ for the choir, and Mrs. Williams acted in the capacity of organist for the Sunday school. Rev. Mr. True's subject at the morning service was "Christmas and Its Lessons."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

At the First Universalist church the rostrum was decorated with festoons of greenery with a great red Christmas bell as a centre piece and numerous bouquets of cut flowers were in evidence. At the four o'clock service in the afternoon the choir, assisted by a supplementary quartet, sang the Christmas cantata, "The Holy Child." The congregation was large and appreciative. Mrs. Helen Hamilton Taylor presided at the organ.

CENTRALVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

The services at this church yesterday were of great interest and the services were well attended.

The pastor, Rev. F. M. Pickles, was assisted in the morning services by Rev. E. D. Lupien of the French Methodist church of this city. After prayer by the pastor, Miss Cora Titus sang "The Bells of Bethlehem." Mr. Pickles preached from Luke 2: 10,11. The evening concert by the Sunday school was one of the best ever given in the church. Gardner Wills led in the Scripture reading and brief remarks were made by Charles F. Taplin and the pastor. Miss Eleanor Daggett presided at the organ during the day. The singing was well supported by Mr. Clifford Plummer, violinist, Mr. Benjamin Smith, cello, Mr. Silas Shattuck, trombone, and Arthur Stevens, piccolo.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church gave a concert Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with plants, cut flowers and green festooning. The decorations were by Walter Durrough, a former Sabbath school scholar and he was tendered a vote of thanks. The program was very pretty and was beautifully carried out.

HE DIED OF JOY

On Receiving a Long Expected Xmas Present

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Louis Simon, a 6-year-old boy, whose joy over receiving his long expected Christmas presents was so great that he was seized with an attack of heart failure, is dead at a hospital of paralysis of the heart.

When he awoke Christmas morning and saw his gifts on the floor, beside his bed, his delight knew no bound. Shortly afterward he was stricken with the attack which culminated in his death. The lad's parents are prostrated.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton: Futures opened steady, Dec. ofd. 7.30, Jan. 7.34, Feb. 7.32 bid, March 7.36, April —, May 7.47, June 7.52 @ 7.53, July 7.60, Aug. 7.60 bid, Sept. —, Oct. 7.61 @ 7.61.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Brought to the Hearts of the Little Ones

Salvation Army Fed 400 Homeless—Sunday School and Other Observances—Christmas Trees

The Christmas holiday passed in Lowell without very much excitement. The religious observances of the festival had been held on Sunday and there was nothing to do yesterday until evening, but to gather about the fireside, call on one's friends, drop in at the club, or go skating or riding. It was the real holiday, however, and the little folk amused themselves with dolls and games that Santa Claus brought to them from the polar regions. Mothers prepared toothsome dinners and the men tried out their new briars. The jollifications of the day were many and varied. The Salvation Army dinner was really the big feature of the day, and the Christmas trees in the churches in the evening were attended with great interest and much pleasure.

SANTA CLAUS' VISIT.

The feature of the Christmas celebration of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church was the appearance of a real Santa Claus, who distributed all kinds of good things. The celebration was held in the basement of the church last evening and was in charge of the following: Mr. Charles Midgeley, Mrs. James Myers and Mrs. Mabel Brown.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

There was a very beautiful entertainment and Cantata by the children of the Immanuel Baptist church last evening. The cantanta was given under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams. To these two and the pastor of the church great credit must be given. Twenty-five young girls and boys took part in the entertainment and these together with the rest of the girls and boys of the Sunday school were given expensive presents.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

The young people and the children of the First Trinitarian church held an exceedingly merry time last evening in the vestry of the church. The first part of the entertainment was given by the pastor of the church, and it consisted of a stereoptican lecture. Several illustrated songs sung in very nice voice by Miss Elizabeth E. Spofford added greatly to the enjoyment of this portion of the entertainment.

Several of the children, under the direction of Mrs. George E. Ames, gave a little Christmas play, entitled "A Surprise Party," which naturally led up to the entrance of Santa Claus and the distribution of the gifts.

Walter Robinson was Santa Claus, and wore a new outfit made for the occasion by Mrs. A. J. Fester. This will be the property of the Sunday school, and will be kept for future Christmas days.

FOUR HUNDRED GUESTS DINED.

More than 400 hungry mortals were fed at the Salvation Army barracks in Shattuck street yesterday. For weeks the members of the local corps had been collecting pennies from the Christmas shoppers with paper mache turkeys. This money was expended in buying food for the poor and the result was gratifying to the men and women who stood upon the street corners, braving wind and storm in the pursuit of their mission. By this charitable undertaking many hearts were made glad.

The dinner served by the army yesterday was under the direction of Captain and Mrs. Riley and the majority of those who sat at the tables were boys and girls. There were a good many strange faces at the table, too, and they were mostly of hobo pattern. The influx of tramps into the city on Christmas day never fails. They know that the Salvation Army hands out a warm dinner and they visit the cities to share the dinner. One of the policemen who was on duty at the barracks yesterday said that more hobos passed in and out yesterday than he had ever seen at one time and place in Lowell.

Small pinched faces told the story of want and the glad, satisfied smile that came to the face of the street urchin when the inner boy had been satisfied was good to see. It required several sittings to accommodate the hungry ones and those who went last fared as well as those who sat at the first table. Disorder was out of the question and with the exception of a missip with a knife, in his endeavor to "stog" his stomach, the small boy had a good time. In a good many instances, of course, his eyes were larger than his stomach and he ate so fast that he filled up all too soon. The crowd, however, was a happy one and the good work of the Salvation army was made plain by voice and action.

AYER HOME.

The Christmas exercises at the Ayer Home were held Saturday evening. Twenty-two inmates of the home, several of the directors and a number of the former inmates were present.

The children sang and recited, and presents were distributed from the tree. Every child got something and all received small packages of candy and nuts. A Christmas dinner was given the children Sunday.

DAY NURSERIES.

At the Kirk Street Day nursery, the matron being ill was unable to take charge of the festivities Saturday afternoon. About 30 children received presents from the large Christmas tree. There were songs and recitations by the children, and they were treated to ice cream, fruit, candy and nuts.

About 40 children, ranging from two to ten years of age, were at the celebration at the First Street nursery. The older children recited, and all joined in the singing. Every one received something from Santa Claus, and after the exercises the children were treated to ice cream and cake. In the 40 were many to whom this good time was the one bright spot in their lives for many months.

AT BILLERICA.

Christmas was observed in a very appropriate manner by the churches of Billerica on Sunday. At the Unitarian church Rev. E. S. Wiers spoke on "Christmas" and the choir carried out a very pleasing program.

At the Orthodox church, Rev. J. H. Dale spoke on "What is Christmas?" and his discourse was very interesting. The choir assisted notably in the service and dispensed very select numbers.

The Chritmas services at the Baptist church were of exceptional merit, and Rev. T. P. Evans spoke on the subject of Christmas. In the evening, a concert was given by the young people of the parish and was largely attended.

PASTOR SURPRISED.

Elder W. A Morang, pastor of the Union Free Baptist mission, was agreeably surprised at his residence, 242 Appleton street, last evening, when about forty of his parishioners called and presented him with a well filled purse.

The following program was carried out during the evening:

Singing, chorus eight voices; prayer by pastor, W. A. Morang; the presentation speech by Dea. A. J. Boles; singing, chorus; solo, Mrs. Jessie Norton; recitation, Mrs. M. E. Bride; singing, chorus; recitation, Miss Lena Bigelow; recitation, Mr. C. A. Bride; singing, chorus; violin solo, Mrs. Jessie Norton; recitation, Mrs. M. E. Bride; recitation, Mrs. C. M. Hill; singing, chorus; recitation, Mrs. Lizzie Nichols; recitation, Mrs. Jessie Norton; closing hymn, "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again;" benediction. W. A. Morang.

BRANCH ST. TABERNACLE.

At the Branch St. Tabernacle last evening the young folks of the parish and the Sunday school held a most delightful Santa Claus party. Presents o fcaidy and other gifts were distributed and everybody was made happy. Those in charge of the affair were Clarence Harrington, F. G. McGregor and Noble Charlton.

MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

At the Ministry-at-Large Christmas carols were sung Sunday night and a Christmas tree laden with presents was one of the features enjoyed by the children.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

The Christmas celebration at the North Chelmsford truant school was enjoyed by 130 boys. A musical and literary program was carried out in the afternoon, and in the evening there was a concert by the band. The boys were also treated to a special dinner.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST.

The children of the First Universalist Sunday school had their Christmas tree at 6.30 last evening. The brief entertainment program included songs by Miss Lillian Salmon, remarks by the pastor, and the event of most importance to the children, the appearance of a real Santa Claus, who made a generous distribution of gifts from the tree.

THE CITY FARM.

Christmas festivities at the city farm commenced Saturday night and will come to a close tonight with a fine minstrel show, the talent being from the outside. Saturday night a Christmas tree was the attraction in the chapel for the children and Supt. Donlan saw that the place was very prettily decorated.

Sunday the inmates of the farm were given a roast pork dinner and yesterday roast beef, juicy and well gravied, was the fare. Saturday night the more talented inmates gave a concert that was pronounced "bang up." The phonograph got in its good work at this time, also.

Tonight the good times will come to an end. Several of the city's best known singers and instrumentalists will go up to the Chelmsford street resort and will dispense their very best.

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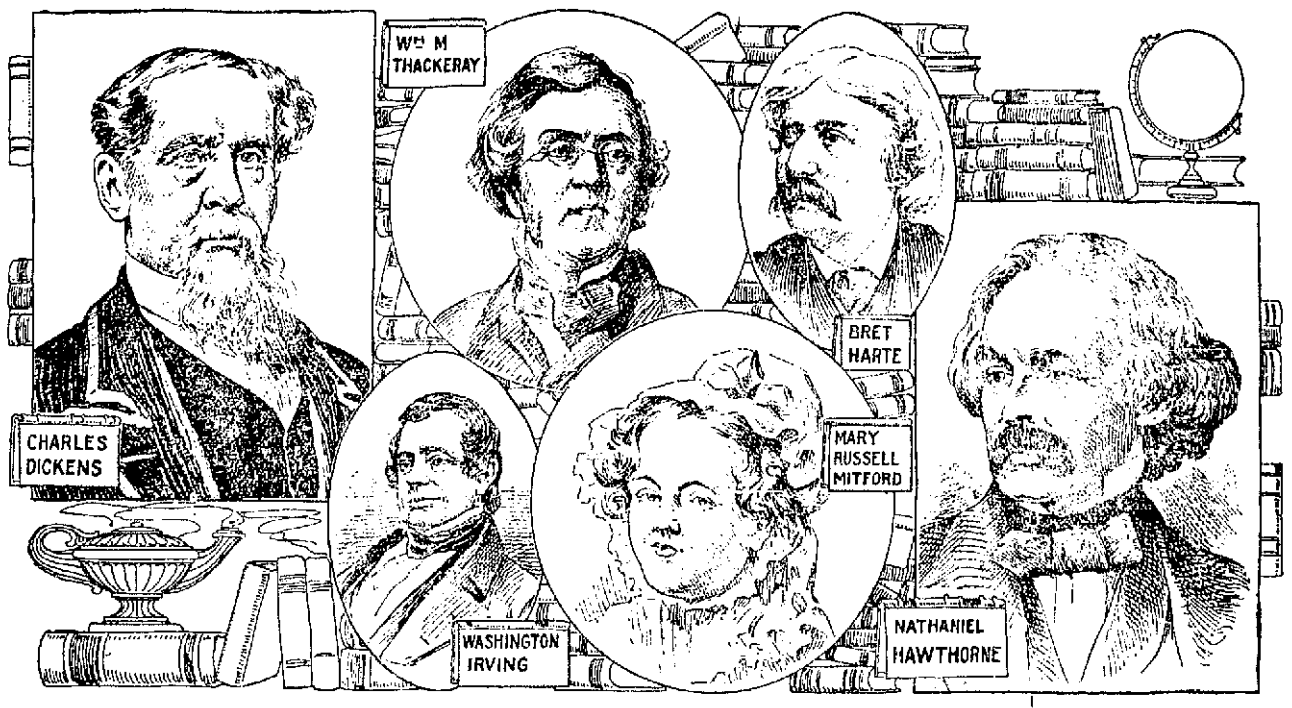
Some Masters of Christmas Fiction and Their Work; The Pioneer Genius of This Kind Was an American

THE impression prevails in many a well informed household that Charles Dickens was the inventor of that delectable literary variant, the Christmas story. Master of this species of composition that he was, the creator of Pickwick was by no means first in the field. Like so many other good things, the earliest distinctively Christmas English written story came from the fertile brain of an American.

In 1819 "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.," appeared in New York, and a few months later it was reproduced in London by John Murray, the dean of British publishers. It went into numerous editions and was translated into many languages. The name of Washington Irving became known in all civilized countries, and the demand for a successor to "The Sketch Book" was unmistakable. Mr. Irving, however, was not a writer whose inspiration was subject to popular demand; he waited three years before publishing "Bracebridge Hall." When it came it met every expectation. There was no falling off, and it was conceived in the same vein of tender good humor and genial companionship that distinguished his earlier work. The chapter entitled "Christmas Eve at Bracebridge Hall" is the gem of the collection, and it passed speedily to first place in holiday literature.

It is characteristic of literary geniuses to ascribe their popularity to some effort little known to the public. Thackeray declared that he owed his reputation to the fact that he had written the Christmas tale entitled "Mrs. Perkins' Ball." This is an especially amusing example of literary obtuseness, for "Vanity Fair" had just been published. Nevertheless it may be true, for Thackeray had so little faith in that novel that he applied for a small government position immediately after it was published. "Mrs. Perkins' Ball" is a charming bit of holiday fiction, but it is dwarfed into comparative insignificance by the magnitude of the other work.



Although Charles Dickens was not the originator of the Christmas story, he was certainly a most successful follower of the delightful art of constructing them. No other story writer has shown an equal capacity to produce the real Yuletide atmosphere at will and fill it with the never-to-be-doubted denizens of the holiday world. His Christmas cheer is the actual joyousness of the holy season, and his Christmas sorrow is not a whit less real. Even his Christmas ghosts are like the disembodied spirits of no other season. And his ghosts, by the way, are the ghosts of a mortal who has once had so great faith in them that no lapse of time or stress of circumstance can shatter that belief. Critics cavil over Dickens' mortals, but no one has presumed to doubt his ghosts. They are seldom insignificant and never supernumerary; they are provided with a presence which is never wanting. They live even though they be dead.

When Bret Harte wrote that exquisite inspiration "Dickens in Camp" he did not know that the great master of Christmas fiction, then gone to his long rest, had ever looked upon any scrap of his literary handiwork. He did not know until long afterward that shortly before his death the generous English novelist spoke admiringly of the gifted young far westerner and declared to those about him that Harte had caught his own manner to a turn, and his Christmas manner at that. Harte always preserved his fondness for the Christmas season and, according to his biographer, "kept up to the last the fond and foolish custom of sending presents to his friends." "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is one of the most dainty holiday idyls ever penned.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Christmas Banquet" and Mary Russell Mitford's "Christmas Party" are as dissimilar both in plan and in treatment as two holiday compositions well could be. Like Dickens, Hawthorne was constrained by his artistic sense of justice from excluding ghosts from his Christmas festivities. But his apparitions and presences are not the cheery and well behaved spooks who came obedient to the call of the English magician. They are of the psychological and creepy order, requiring counter influences to repel them, and they have retained absolutely nothing mortal in their makeup. Of course they are genuine ghosts, but they do not fit into the holiday scheme.

Miss Mitford did not deal with the supernatural. She found her inspiration in the things that are, and she concocted a very dainty and appetizing Christmas feast out of life's ever present and most apparent realities. Even now her delicate imagery is fair and very sweet, but it is the fragrance of the faded lavender which lies in the long disused cabinet of her literary gems.

JAMES L. TREVATHAN.

A WOLF HUNT.

The most northern point of Scandinavia, or Finland, is inhabited by Laps. They are divided into mountain and field Laps. The latter live in the valleys and are employed chiefly in agriculture; the former keep to the mountains, and they are very wealthy, owing to their immense herds of reindeer, which graze summer and winter in the open.

If the snow is very deep in winter the herds are brought down to the more sheltered valleys. In spite of constant watchfulness they are even there not safe from the invasion of wolves, whom hunger drives down to the lowland from the forests. The mountain Laps in consequence organize wolf hunts during the winter.

They pursue the animals on ski, or snowshoes, and, owing to the great speed at which they can get over the frozen snow, they soon overtake the flying beasts and kill them. The huntsmen carry nothing but a short, heavy spear, which they drive home with a practiced hand. Only when wounded do the wolves attack their pursuers; otherwise the cowardly brutes seek safety in flight.

Thomas W. Lawson, Noted Bear Operator and Author

THE prominence attained by Thomas W. Lawson of Boston in the recent financial upheaval in Wall street, the especial feature of which was a well organized and persistent raid upon the property known as Amalgamated Copper and which resulted in a notable depreciation of many other securities, makes the history of his connection with the copper trust of public interest.

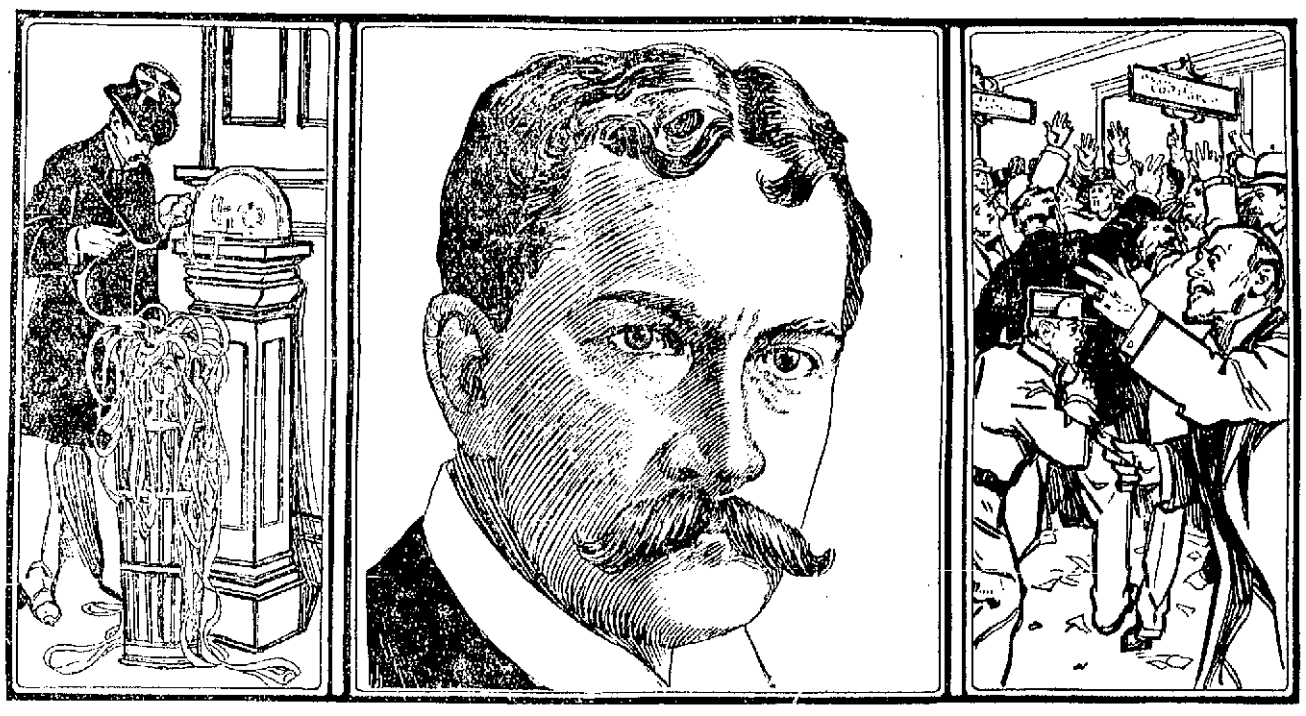
During a somewhat varied career in the speculative world Mr. Lawson had become familiar with the enormous profits made in "coppers"—that is, the securities of Lake Superior and other copper mines held in Boston. He had occasionally dabbled a little in these stocks, but his real entry into the copper investment field was the result of a fortuitous circumstance which is worth relating.

One day about ten years ago while standing at the ticker in his office in Boston a newspaper man who was a particular friend of Lawson dropped in and remarked in an offhand way: "Tom, Butte and Boston mine is going to shut down. Tackle it and sell short, and you'll win." Without further urging Lawson stepped to the telephone and gave heavy orders to sell Butte short. His raid made a stir at once. The copper company denounced him and the story of the shutdown. Nevertheless the mine did suspend operations. Lawson sold the stock from $15 down to 75 cents a share. Then he bought until he had a controlling interest in 200,000 shares of the common stock.

With this influence he was prepared to force a reorganization. He did so, and from that time he has been a power in "coppers." Four years ago his stock was worth $115 a share, and it formed the cornerstone of the new Amalgamated Copper company, which was organized in the spring of 1901 under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of $155,000,000. He is virtually the founder of Amalgamated, and without him it never would have existed. From the moment when he began to sell Butte short in the stock market Lawson's progress in the financial world has been meteoric. He soon became sole owner of a producing mine, Trinity, valued at more than $6,000,000, and his holdings in Amalgamated and other mines were soon double that amount.

Lawson was born with the bear instinct. Before he went largely into copper he was known as the most persistent bear in the Boston market. He was regarded as the ideal operator for the short side. He had good judgment, and he was cool enough to withstand all shocks. His methods were daring and original. He has had no reason to abandon them, and they are the same today as they were at first. Armed with facts, real or otherwise, he enters the arena prepared to shave a stock down to the last notch. At the same time he assails it in the press with arguments and statements that cannot be met at the moment, and all the time he is selling it short in enormous blocks. At first these tactics unnerved the market sadly. It had never occurred to anybody that a stock could be bombarded in the newspapers. Lawson established the reputation of being a hard hitter, and his blows left a mark. Nobody had ever before had the assurance to come forward and pound a stock so openly and so apparently aboveboard. His course of procedure was not only novel, but it made the business world reckon with him and fear him.

Mr. Lawson has plenty of friends and brigades of enemies. No man is more cheerfully hated, and there are those who owe everything to his kindness. He is a fighter, but he has shown more than once that he is not merciless. Without depreciating the merits of others, he has an excellent opinion of his own inherent good qualities. Hear him:



THOMAS W. LAWSON, HERO OF "FRENZIED FINANCE."

"Men say I advertise myself; they are wrong. I have nothing to sell. I am not in the business of making money, but of spending it. Making money is the easiest thing I can do, but I must keep on making it, millions of it, for I have many dependent on me, and I am now filling in a great picture I have cherished from my youth—the picture painted by ambition. Until it is done I must keep on."

Lawson began his so called "frenzied finance" campaign with a series of magazine articles, the first of which was published last July. In his introduction he promised to throw light upon the inside workings of Amalgamated Copper. Following these articles, which have been largely read and commented upon, numerous advertisements have appeared in the newspapers from time to time advising everybody to buy this stock. It was affirmed that the stock would reach 100.

Then his tactics underwent a change. He began to flood the papers with letters and advertisements declaring that the copper trust was fraudulent in its conception and that the Standard Oil people had bought the concern for $30,000,000 and sold it to the public at a fabulous advance. He gave it as his honest opinion that the company was certain to come to grief and speedily. He advised everybody to sell and at whatever figure could be obtained. He is said to have intimated that he would ask for the appointment of a receiver to wind up the affairs of the concern. It was a masterly achievement, but it smacks of the methods of the plunger.

ELBERT O. WOODSON.

POSTOFFICE PUZZLES.

The ease with which a mistake can be made by British postoffice sorters can be illustrated by mentioning the number of places bearing similar names to post towns. For instance, there are thirty-two Kingstons in seventeen different counties, fifty-nine Newtons situated in nearly as many counties, sixteen Newports, thirteen Bradfords, nineteen Holywells, seventeen Bridgends, six Newmarkets, thirty-six Redhills, thirteen Southends, twenty-eight Stonehouses, forty-seven Suttons, etc. This was in the evidence given before the committee inquiring into postoffice wages.

Notable Female Exponents of the Art of Swindling

THE recent exposure of the unique career of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, who for the past few years has been obtaining large sums of money upon $5,000,000 alleged securities, makes her life history, a singularly complete record of criminal duplicity, of timely interest.

Elizabeth Bigley, who is alleged to be the present Mrs. Chadwick, was born in the early fifties in the province of Ontario. Her father was a poor farmer, and she was one of eight children. She was bright, but not pretty, and on account of her peculiar ways was not liked. She had a mania for spending money and acquired a wonderful ability in obtaining goods under false pretenses. When still a young girl she forged a note and was tried for the offense, but was acquitted on the ground of insanity. She was next heard from as the bride of a Dr. W. S. Springsteen in Cleveland, O. She had been posing for a few weeks as an Irish heiress and capitalist, and the doctor was fascinated by the combination. On the night of the wedding installment men came in, carried off all the furnishings of her elegant apartment and the doctor forsook her.

For several years after this she traveled under various aliases, practicing clairvoyancy and obtaining large sums of money from a number of specious schemes. At the end of the eighties she sent word to her relatives that she had married an elderly man, C. L. Hoover, who died soon afterward, leaving her a wealthy widow with a son. In 1888, according to a woman who claims to be her sister, she reappeared at Toledo, O., as Mme. De Vere, clairvoyant. Here she came to grief, was tried for forgery and was sentenced to nine and a half years in the Ohio penitentiary, serving three and a half and then being paroled by Governor McKinley.

Some years later Mrs. Hoover reappeared in Cleveland with her old makeshift of clairvoyant and masseuse. In the latter capacity she was employed by Dr. Leroy Shippen Chadwick, a wealthy invalid with a home on Euclid avenue. He married her, and they lived handsomely and to all appearance happily in the beautiful house. For several years this peaceful condition prevailed, and the Chadwicks led a life which was a most perfect semblance of refined and felicitous domesticity. Mrs. Chadwick availed herself of the opportunity and made numerous friends among influential business men. But her genius for deception could not sleep. The story of her culminating series of operations is the proof of that.

The only other adventuress of the present decade whose swindling operations surpass in magnitude and duration those of Mrs. Chadwick is the famous Mme. Therese Humbert, who is now an inmate of a French penitentiary. This clever woman, endowed with sexual personal attractions and occupying a humble position in her earlier life, invented a scheme whereby she was able to deceive the most capable financiers in France. Her operations were conducted upon such a scale of financial grandeur that judges, courts and even high government officials were concerned in their development. The exact details of this unprecedented series of forgeries and misrepresentations if found within the pages of the most pronounced and most improbable of fiction would at once be condemned by the critics as an impossibility. Yet it was so plausible in the hands of Mme. Humbert that she was successful in keeping intact its framework of deception for almost a natural lifetime.

Born Therese d'Aurignac, she adopted the profession of nurse and, according to her own story, was employed in that capacity to attend a Mr. Henry Robert Crawford, an American who had been taken desperately ill at Nice. After his death she produced a will in which she was named as sole heiress to the Crawford estate of $20,000,000. Before she had been put in actual possession of the fortune two young nephews of the dead man came to her with a will of the same date as hers, but dividing the estate into three equal parts—one for each of the nephews and one for Therese's younger sister, Marie, on condition that the young men place in France a sum sufficient to produce a life annuity of 300,000 francs for Therese.

MRS. CASSIE L. CHADWICK. "MME. DE VERE."

The nephews, it was reported, were most considerate. They did not need the money, and they were willing to conform to their uncle's desire to unite the families by marriage. One of the brothers proposed to Therese, but she persuaded him to transfer his affections to her sister Marie, which he obligingly did. Then the brothers went away and left Therese in charge of their uncle's millions. When Marie reached her majority she broke the engagement, and the brothers, who before going had appointed Therese Marie's guardian and made the elder sister custodian of the entire estate, did not return to demand a division. To compel them to make a satisfactory settlement Therese began suit against them. The brothers did not appear, but were represented by counsel. This loudly trumpeted litigation was the deus ex machina of the plot. It occupied the place of honor in the French courts for years, and enormous sums were paid for fees and costs. Therese, who had married a lawyer named Humbert, had an immense safe built into the wall of her house and locked therein the Crawford millions, of which she was the sole custodian. Upon this plea she obtained immense sums from banks and capitalists, and everybody was eager to lend money to the woman who could give such ample security. The strangest part of the whole strange affair is that the swindle went on for a quarter of a century before it was made apparent that there had never been any Crawford, uncle or nephews, any fortune, any substance at all to the gigantic mockery—nothing but Mme. Humbert and her victims.

Another phenomenal adventuress who is recalled by the Chadwick affair is the notorious Frenchwoman, Emerancienne Bondeau, who masqueraded under the title of Princess de la Tour-d'Auvergne and whose final coup d'etat resulted in the domestic cyclone in the family of Casimir-Perier and his resignation as president of the French republic. So clever were her methods and so plausible were her representations that her victims were numbered by hundreds among the leading men of France. She lived in great magnificence and was renowned for her charities and gifts to the church. She obtained millions through fraudulent transactions, and financiers of established reputations seemed to be anxious to deal with her. She also was an exceedingly unattractive woman, fifty years of age, with a gaunt figure and a fierce and determined expression. Finally she invented a scheme which involved the president and many other notables, and it miscarried. The bogus princess was exposed and sentenced to a term of imprisonment at hard labor.

The career of Georgina Weldon, an American woman with a shiftless husband whom she supported for awhile by teaching music, was unique in its duplicity. Weary of her marital bondage and the starvation results of her labor, she sat down one day in her dismal home and devised a scheme which for originality and boldness of conception is not surpassed in the record of female swindlers. She sold everything she possessed and with the proceeds paid her way to Paris, which she had selected as the field of her operations. At that time Charles Gounod was the most famous composer in the world and was at the zenith of his reputation as a musician. Mrs. Weldon's plan took cognizance of this fact, and she presented herself at the master's house and craved the great man's advice in reference to her wish to establish a studio in Paris. She was so deferential and so modest in her manner that Gounod was completely disarmed. In a few weeks she obtained from the maestro a letter in which he stated that Mrs. Weldon's method of voice culture was the best he had ever known. Fortified with this, the adventuress flew to Gladstone and in a short time succeeded in extracting a similar autograph opinion from him. Returning to Paris armed with these powerful credentials, she opened a musical salon which soon became the talk of the continent. Her influence over Gounod became so pronounced that he yielded himself unreservedly to all of her plans for scenting the immense sums of money which went into her extravagant establishment. She finally captured him bodily and kept him, now grown old and mentally enfeebled, a nonresisting prisoner. At last his family obtained possession of him, and she brought suit against the composer for $50,000. Strangest of all, she won her suit. A few years later Mrs. Weldon lived in a squalid quarter and sold newspapers for a livelihood.

ARTHUR K. JACKSON.

BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Ellen Leary Was Burned to a Crisp

Fireman Thomas E. Hall Run Over by Fire Wagon—Several Other Minor Fires

Mrs. Ellen Leary, aged 63 years and residing in Cross street, next door to the St. Patrick's Working Girls' Home, was burned to death early Saturday evening, by overturning of an oil lamp. Before assistance could reach her she was so badly burned that she soon died. She was alone in the house at the time of the accident, and when the fire department arrived in response to an alarm from box 139 the woman was found in a dying condition.

Mrs. Leary, together with her son, John, occupied a small house in Cross street and shortly after 6.30 o'clock Saturday night the latter went out. When he left the house his mother was about her work.

Ten or fifteen minutes later Officer McCann, who patrols that beat, heard loud cries of fire. He rushed to the corner of Adams and Cross streets and pulled in an alarm from box 139 and then started back towards the house.

No one seemed to know that Mrs. Leary was in the house or that she was burning to death, but when the officer entered he found the unfortunate woman standing up and leaning over the sink, her head resting against the wall. The clothing was burned from her body and she was dead. Officer McCann grasped her in his arms but found only a mass of burning flesh with no sign of life.

It appeared that the woman was feeding a dog as the platter was on the floor and the lamp overturned beside it.

From the position where she was found it is thought that when the lamp was overturned and her clothing caught fire she went towards the sink in an endeavor to procure water to extinguish the flames, but was quickly suffocated and overcome by the flames rising around her head.

The remains of the unfortunate woman were removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker Peter H. Savage where they were viewed by Medical Examiner Irish. Mrs. Leary is survived by a sister, Mrs. Margaret Jeffers, and one son, John.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the rooms of Undertaker Savage, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. The bearers were James McCarthy, Patrick Cashman, Andrew Roarke, Michael Mack and Patrick Casey. Undertaker Savage had charge.

NEEDLESS STILL ALARM.

A still alarm yesterday morning summoned a portion of the department to what was supposed to be a fire in the house of Humphrey O'Sullivan in Butterfield street. The boiler in the cellar became overheated and started the safety valves blowing off steam. A domestic hearing the noise and noticing the steam, which she thought was smoke, issuing from the cellar, ran to the fire house in Fletcher street. When the firemen arrived they at once saw the cause of the alarm and set the valves all right.

FIRE IN McINTIRE STREET.

The defective arrangement of a stove pipe in the ell of a bath house in McIntire street, nearly resulted in the destruction of the building by fire, Sunday evening shortly after 5 o'clock. An alarm from box 42 was sent in and when the firemen from the Branch street house arrived a stubborn blaze was shooting out from various parts of the building. Chief Hosmer is of the opinion that the fire originated in the ell of the two-story house near where the stove pipe was supposed to enter the chimney, and this allowed the sparks to escape and set fire to the woodwork.

FIREMAN HURT.

While responding to the alarm, Thomas A. Hall, a call man, residing at 22 Lagrange street, was badly hurt. While the hook and ladder from the central fire station was going through Middlesex street, Hall endeavored to jump on the side step of the truck. He slipped on a car rail and falling to the ground, one of the rear wheels passed over his left leg.

He was taken to his home in Lagrange street and Dr. J. V. Meigs was called, and he examined and dressed the injury. The leg is badly swollen. Dr. Meigs does not believe that there is a fracture above the knee, though the member is badly swollen. The swelling has not subsided to allow a complete examination.

HIS NECK BROKEN

Probably Fatal Fall of John Hubbard on High Street

John Hubbard, aged 48 years and residing at 281 High street, was thrown from a loaded wagon in East Merrimack street, near the corner of High street, about midnight Saturday. He was taken to the Lowell General hospital suffering from a broken neck. After his fall he was taken to his home in the ambulance, but about two o'clock Sunday afternoon his condition became serious and the ambulance was again summoned and he was removed to the hospital. An examination there revealed the fact that he was suffering from a fracture of the spinal column at the sixth cervical vertebra.

He is resting comfortably now, though partially paralyzed, but the surgeons and physicians in attendance think there is a possible chance of his recovery. In case of fracture similar to the one sustained by Hubbard, the physicians state that much depends upon the displacement of the fractured member, and in Hubbard's case it is said to be displaced in such a manner as to admit knitting together if all conditions are favorable.

Hubbard is employed by E. Hapgood & Son, mattress manufacturers, 207 High street. He has held his position as driver for that firm for over 10 years and has been rated as an unusually trustworthy man. He is married.

CONNEMARAS WON

WELCH'S WONDERS WERE EASY FOR THEM.

The Connemaras administered another defeat to Welch's Wonders on the alleys last night, the former team winning by a margin of 103 pins. The winning team had their brother officers on the go from the start and at no time during the game were the followers of Deputy Welch in the running.

McKay with a three string total of 338 was high man, and it was owing to his excellent bowling that the Connemaras won by the large margin which they did. The score:

CONNEMARAS.

	1	2	3	Ttl
Connors	162	141	159	462
McKay	190	164	184	538
Ryan	142	129	127	398
Duncan	140	150	136	431
Peters	117	141	157	415
Totals	771	736	773	2280

WONDERS.

Welch	133	137	156	426
Atkinson	139	164	124	427
Burns	159	137	131	425
Donaldson	128	156	151	435
Maher	143	149	152	444
Totals	703	739	715	2177

EXCELLENT SCORE

"BOBBY" WHALEN MADE SINGLE OF 128.

Bobby Whalen of the Fairmounts ran up the highest single string in the Inter-city tournament yesterday in the game between the Fairmounts and the Buntings. It happened in the first string when Whalen turned the trick, by rolling up a string total of 128.

Coleman and Fullerton on the same team also did well, running up 102. The highest man on the Buntings was Marsden with 97. The score:

FAIRMOUNTS.

Coleman	85	92	94	274
Queenan	102	83	96	281
Whalen	128	86	85	299
Fullerton	90	102	85	277
Sub	74	58	74	206
Totals	482	418	436	1336

BUNTINGS.

Simpson	85	91	79	255
Grant	79	88	85	252
Marsden	80	97	85	262
Rigby	74	81	79	234
Hamel	86	95	73	254
Totals	404	422	401	1257

Points—Fairmounts 4, Buntings 1.
Whalen, highest single string of the tournament, 128.

O'BRIEN IS DEAD

He Was the King of Bunco Men

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A report has reached this city that Thomas O'Brien, the notorious confidence man and inventor of the "gold brick" swindle, for years recognized as the "king of bunco men," is dead in the French penal settlement at Cayenne, where he had been serving a life sentence for the murder of his partner, "Kid" Waddell, in Paris in 1895.

Several of O'Brien's old friends in this city are said to have received the news direct from Cayenne.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

SMOKE NUISANCE

President Roosevelt Determined to Stop It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Drastic action has been recommended by the president looking to the suppression of the smoke nuisance in the city of Washington. A letter was sent by his direction to the district commissioners on November 30th inquiring if it were not possible to proceed criminally against the officers of an electric light company. He denounced the violation of the smoke law by the company at the very doors of the White House as an outrage and urged that the managers of the company be arrested again and again, at short intervals, in an effort to abate the nuisance.

No response having been received that was satisfactory the president authorized today the publication of the letter to the district commissioners. It follows:

"White House, Washington, November 30, 1904.

"To the district commissioners:

"The president has again taken up with his cabinet the smoke nuisance so far as the public buildings are concerned.

He would like especially to call your attention, however, to the well-nigh intolerable manifestation of the nuisance by the Electric Light company. Is it not possible to proceed criminally against the management of this company? If not drastic legislation should be recommended. It is an outrage on the city that such a nuisance should be permitted to exist right by the white house. At almost every hour of the day this great chimney can be seen emitting dense clouds of black smoke. It would seem to be wise to go to the very limit of the law and to arrest the head of the company or those highest up in the company again and again at the shortest possible intervals in order to put a stop to this nuisance, for the conduct on their part amounts to a flagrant defiance of the law and of respect for public opinion and is fraught with serious consequences to the city of Washington.

(Signed) WILLIAM LOEB, JR.,
Secretary to the President."

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

WHITELAW REID

Will be Ambassador to England

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Sec'y Hay and Ass't Sec'y Loomis had a long conference with the president yesterday regarding the changes that are to be made in the diplomatic service on March 4. The talk with Mr. Hay related entirely to the changes among the ambassadors.

After the conference it was formally announced that Whitelaw Reid will succeed Joseph H. Choate as ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Choate, it was said, in sending his resignation to the president, as is the custom at the expiration of a presidential term asked that it be accepted, as he wished to return to New York to resume the practice of law.

Only a few weeks ago it was said at the state department that it was understood Mr. Choate wished to remain at the court of St. James for four years more.

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A perfect gem of a cottage house near the American Woolen Co.'s mills. 8 large rooms, good lot of land, fruit, a bargain.

Several cottages for $600 and $1000 each.

To Exchange—A clean six tenement block for a productive farm.

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137 CENTRAL STREET

SKATES and SLEDS

Make the children happy by giving them a Christmas present of a sled or a pair of our celebrated skates, every one is a racer, the coasting was never better and the ice is safe for skating. We keep all the best makes at lowest prices and we also have a line of

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and hundreds of articles that would make a grand Christmas present at

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Remember the place
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Bargain for everybody.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Michael L. Donahue, late of Chelmsford in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Florence C. Donahue, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Addelaide Beatty, of Lowell in said County, that she was lawfully married to John H. Beatty, now of parts unknown to your libellant at Rochester in the State of New York on the twenty-seventh day of July A. D. 1893, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said John H. Beatty lived together as husband and wife in the State of New York, at said Rochester and at Tweed, in the Dominion of Canada, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said John H. Beatty being wholly regardless of the same, at Tweed in said Dominion of Canada on or about the first day of November 1896, did utterly desert your libellant and has continued such desertion to the present time, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel, and your libellant has resided in this Commonwealth to wit: at Lowell aforesaid for more than five years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said John H. Beatty and that the custody of their minor child Thelma May Beatty, age 6 years, be given to your libellant.

Dated this seventh day of October A. D. 1903.

ADDELAIDE BEATTY.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, October 19, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of February next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell in the County of Middlesex once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon.

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Ann Murdock, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Catherine T. Murdock and Elizabeth T. Murdock who pray that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to them, or some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D., 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex; ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John Moffott, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Nellie Sullivan, of Lowell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Your Wants.

If you want to buy, sell or give away anything, or locate lost, strayed or stolen goods, advertise in The Sun and you will hear of it quickly, as it is

Lowell's Greatest Newspaper.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A shirtwaist, between Wardell's store and Merrimack Square. Finder please leave at Sun Office.

LOST—An express and parcel delivery order book somewhere on Rogers st. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at The Sun Office.

LOST—Talis of a fur neck piece in the vicinity of Sacred Heart church. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at The Sun Office.

IF THE LADY who returned the pocketbook to 5 Glidden building will please call again it will be to her benefit.

LOST—A grocery order book, on Lincoln st, Ayer's City, liberal reward to finder at Rostelor Bros., 636 Middlesex st.

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LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.50, 1.44, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.25, w3.55, w5.32, 5.59, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.23, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.23, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.23 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.23, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 6.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.23, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.23, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.23, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.23, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.23 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.23, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 6.12 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.33, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02, 10.39 a. m.; 12.09, 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m., *1.39, *q9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:
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FULL OF FIGHT

Yesterday's Game the Scrappiest of Season

What proved to be one of the scrappiest games of basketball ever played in Lowell took place in Associate hall yesterday morning. Haverhill, the leader in the league race, was matched against the Lowell team and carried off the honors by a score of 24 to 12. The Haverhill men started off to rough it just after the beginning of the game and in the second period the locals began to give them back some of their own medicine. This was not to the liking of the Haverhill men who, by the way, are regarded in every town in the league as the roughest team in the game today. Doyle and Haggerty were particularly offensive in yesterday's contest and the latter lost himself completely when he found himself pitted against Enos, who had been sent in to take the place of Davy. Enos was covering the Haverhill man so closely that the latter was unable to do anything. In a rush for the ball near the basket at the entrance to the hall, Haggerty went down just as had about every other player some time during the game. At the time Enos was standing near the corner of the cage, his hands down and he in a position to play the ball in case it came his way. Haggerty arose and without the slightest warning struck Enos a blow full in the face. The attack was all the more cowardly in view of the fact that Enos only a few days ago had five stitches taken in his lip to close a wound. When Haggerty struck the first blow the men clinched and then the other players rushed into the mixup and stopped the trouble. At the same time Officer Flanagan, who had been engaged by the management to preserve order in the hall, entered the playing space and put an end to further quarreling. One of the Haverhill players appealed to some one on the stage and then walked over to the officer and told him to retire from the cage. The officer knew his business and promptly informed the Haverhill player that his conduct would be regulated by conditions. If there was trouble in the cage, he or any other officer detailed would enter the cage and stop the fracas. When the officer saw peace restored he withdrew from the cage. Instead of protesting against the appearance of the officer in the cage the Haverhill player should have been thankful that Haggerty was not arrested. Had such a thing occurred in the street or any other public place the offender would have been locked up.

It was some time after this incident before play was resumed. Then to the surprise of every one it was noticed that Referee O'Neil had ordered both Haggerty and Enos out of the game. He claimed that he did not see the first blow struck and that when he saw the men both were clinched.

The president of the league was in attendance at the game and in reply to a query by The Sun reporter said that the league rules provide a fine of $3 and expulsion from the game for a player who strikes another.

A few more men like Mr. Haggerty might put a quietus on the game in this vicinity. When people want to see a prize fight they go where such affairs are pulled off. When they pay to see basketball they do not want to witness a fistic encounter, and Mr. Haggerty and the Haverhill management should bear this in mind.

So far as the game itself is concerned Haverhill was entitled to the honors, for the men from down the river certainly had the better of the argument at all times. The Lowell team with the exception of "Ike" Loos seemed to be slow at all times. They were off in their passing and their throws for the basket were weak.

W. Loos turned on his ankle during the final period and it is doubtful if he will be able to play for some time. Bucky Lew played his usual clean and clever game and Doyle put up a fast article for Haverhill.

It was announced that the former Burke team will play against Lowell in Associate hall this evening.

LOWELL—12	24—HAVERHILL.
Mathews lf	rb Haggerty
Leighton rf	lb Lew
I. Loos c	c Doyle, Wachter
W. Loos lb	rf Williamson
Enos, Field, Davey rb	lf Kennedy

FIRST PERIOD.

Won by	Scored by	Points
Haverhill	Williamson	2— 0
Haverhill	Doyle	4— 0
Lowell	Third foul	4— 1
Haverhill	Williamson	6— 1
Haverhill	Williamson	8— 1
Haverhill	Kennedy	10— 1
Lowell	Mathews	10— 3
Lowell	Third foul	10— 4
Haverhill	Third foul	11— 4

SECOND PERIOD.

Haverhill	Doyle	13— 4
Lowell	Third foul	13— 5
Lowell	I. Loos	13— 7
Haverhill	Third foul	14— 7
Lowell	Third foul	14— 8

THIRD PERIOD.

Haverhill	Wachter	16— 8
Lowell	Third foul	16— 9
Lowell	I. Loos	16—11
Haverhill	Wachter	18—11
Haverhill	Kennedy	20—11
Haverhill	Williamson	22—11
Lowell	Third foul	22—12
Haverhill	Haggerty	24—12

Score, Haverhill 24, Lowell 12. Goals, Williamson 3, Doyle 2, Kennedy 2, Wachter 2, Haggerty, Lew, I. Loos 2, Mathews. Fouls committed, Kennedy, 6, Haggerty 5, Williamson 4, Doyle, Lew, Wachter 3, Mathews 3, Leighton 2, Davey, W. Loos, Enos. Points on fouls, Lowell 6, Haverhill 2. Referee John O'Neill of Lowell. Timekeepers, Fred Cummings for Lowell, Connie Driscoll for Haverhill. Attendance, 700.

HAVERHILL 36, LOWELL 20.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 27—Haverhill defeated Lowell again last evening at basketball, the score being 36 to 20. Until the third period Lowell played strongly, but in the final period the locals took a big lead and allowed Lowell only three points. The game was hard fought throughout. The floor work of Kennedy was the feature of the game. The summary:

HAVERHILL	LOWELL
Williamson, Doyle rf	lb Davy
Kennedy lf	rb I. Loos
Doyle c	c Enos, Field
Wachter rb	lf Mathews
Haggerty lb	rf Leighton

Score, Haverhill 36, Lowell 20. Goals, Kennedy 5, Doyle 4, Wachter 3, Haggerty 4, Williamson, Mathews, Leighton 3, I. Loos, Davy, Field 3. Goals on fouls, Haverhill 2, Lowell 2. Referee, O'Neill, Timers, Gray and Driscoll. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance 1500.

AMESBURY LOST.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 27—City hall was packed to the doors last night when the Newburyports defeated Amesbury at basketball, 21 to 8. In view of Amesbury's victory in their own court yesterday afternoon a large crowd of rooters accompanied that team, and every deserving play of either team was cheered to the utmost.

The game was fast and lively, the covering-up work being exceptionally well done, so much so that few opportunities were given for goals.

Newburyport took the lead at the start and kept it, Amesbury being very poor at goal throwing.

The floor work of Jim Healey and the goal throwing of Punch was notable. Between the periods Newburyport high school defeated Fr. Mathews of Amesbury under amateur rules, 6 to 2. The summary:

NEWBURYPORT	AMESBURY
Hayes rf	lb Jack Healey
Punch lf	rb Donnelly
W. Sheridan c	c Lynch
H. Sheridan rb	lf Devlin, Page
Jim Healey lb	rf Qualey

Score, Newburyport 21, Amesbury 8. Goals from floor, Punch, H. Sheridan 2, Hayes 2, Jim Healey, Devlin, Jack Healey, Qualey. Points from fouls, Newburyport 3, Amesbury 2. Referee, Connors. Timer, Healey. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 1000.

AMESBURY 24, NEWBURYPORT 10.

AMESBURY, Dec. 27—The Newburyport New England league basketball team was defeated at the town hall yesterday afternoon by the Amesburys by a score of 24 to 10. The features were the great work of Devlin, Donnelly and Healey for Amesbury. The visitors were outplayed both in passing and goal throwing. The summary:

AMESBURY	NEWBURYPORT
Devlin rf	lb H. Sheridan
Qualey lf	rb Healey
Lynch c	c W. Sheridan
Healey rb	lf Reagan, Punch
Donnelly lb	rf Hayes

Score, Amesbury 24, Newburyport 10. Goals from floor, Devlin 6, Qualey, Healy 2, Donnelly 2, Hayes, W. Sheridan 2, Punch. Points from fouls, Amesbury 2, Newburyport 2. Referee, Connors. Scorer, Breed. Timer, Healey. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance 1000.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL 32, NASHUA Y. M. C. A. 20

Lowell high school basketball team defeated Nashua Y. M. C. A., 32 to 20, in the high school annex last night. Scribner and Richards led in basket throwing for Lowell and Mansaw for the visitors. The summary:

LOWELL H. S.	NASHUA Y. M. C. A.
Scribner rf	lb Dow
Richards lf	rb Griswold
Farley c	c Lawrence, Hall
Low rb	lf Mansaw
Fields lb	rf Hunman

Score, Lowell H. S. 32, Nashua Y. M. C. A. 20. Goals from floor, Mansaw 5, Richards 4, Scribner 4, Fields 3, Hunman 2, Dow 2, Farley. Goals from fouls, Lowell 8, Nashua 2. Referee, Wright. Umpire, Ginty. Timers, French, Brigham. Time, two 20m periods. Attendance 300.

WILLIE LEWIS

STOPPED MARTIN CANOLE IN NINTH ROUND.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 27.—Willie Lewis of New York defeated Martin Canole of Fall River in the ninth round of a scheduled 12-round bout at the Auditorium last night. Lewis started off like a winner, flooring Canole three times in the first round. The Fall River man recovered well and in the third Lewis went down, but claimed that Canole fouled him.

The fighting was very fast until the ninth when Lewis caught his opponent on the point of the jaw and Canole staggered about the ring like a drunken man, with Lewis right after him. The referee stopped the fight and gave the decision to Lewis.

JIMMY BURKE

FOUGHT A DRAW WITH KID PANTZ.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Jimmy Burke of this city and Kid Pantz of Boston fought a twelve-round draw at the West End club yesterday afternoon. Burke fought cleaner but Pantz led the offener.

Willie Mack of Lawrence defeated Young Duffy of South Boston in the second round.

Ted Galvin and Young Cahill of Lawrence went the six rounds limit, Galvin getting the decision on points.

JIMMY WALSH

KNOCKED OUT BRODIGAN IN FIRST ROUND.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—One thousand followers of the boxing game from Boston, Chelsea, Lynn and other cities assembled in the North street rink yesterday afternoon to see Jimmy Walsh, the bantamweight, meet Harry Brodigan of England.

This figured as the main bout, and like many of its kind, proved disappointing, being of too short duration to suit the crowd.

The affair lasted just 2 minutes 30 seconds, when Walsh scored a clean knockout, doing the trick with a right to his opponent's jaw.

The preliminaries were good. Duke Cahill of Lynn and Young Peabody of Peabody went six rounds to a draw. Kid Sanborn of Lynn proved easy for Johnny Powers of Boston, who downed him in the second round for keeps.

Jack Sheehan of Boston was the referee.

SHAW WAS SHOT

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Man Had Narrow Escape

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Dec. 27.—Charles Shaw is in the hospital here with shotgun wounds in his leg and in the lower part of the back, while George Daniels is under arrest charged with the shooting. Both men are farmhands. The affair happened at West Danville, 10 miles from here.

According to information in the hands of the police, Shaw on Saturday visited the farm of Mrs. Harvey Badger in West Danville where Daniels was employed. It is alleged that Shaw had been drinking, and he was asked to leave the premises. He returned yesterday and Daniels ordered him to leave. Daniels claims that Shaw then picked up an iron bar and advanced towards him. Believing his own life in danger, Daniels said he then fired at Shaw, the shot taking effect in his leg and back. Shaw's wounds are not dangerous.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

KILLED HIS WIFE

Man Then Burned His Home

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 27.—James Linkous, a Radford, Va., painter, was taken to Roanoke last night to prevent lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens after a coroner's inquest had returned a verdict that he murdered his wife and adopted son early Sunday morning and burned his home to remove evidence of the crime. It is charged that Linkous beat out the brains of his victims with a blunt instrument and then fired the building.

RUSSIAN REFORMS

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

Long Expected Ukase Issued by Emperor

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform ukase was issued last night. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of zemstvos presidents held here last month, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the council of ministers with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though freedom of all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

The various subjects will be referred to committees for early report.

In brief the subjects which will be referred to committees of the council of ministers for early report are:

First. A just and equitable enforcement of existing laws with a view to securing the harmonious administration of all the courts.

Second. Zemstvo organization with a view to giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various district zemstvos, calling additional zemstvo representatives where required and creating small zemstvo units capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasants.

Third. Equality of all citizens before the law, thus touching the much mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth. Arranging the scheme of workmen's assurance for the benefit and protection of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth. To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity from harsh action of the police except in the cases of persons known to be conspiring to commit overt acts against the stability of the state.

Sixth. The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect of manner of worship.

Seventh. For rescinding all unnecessary repressive laws, leaving in force only those designed for the protection of peasants and for the benefit generally of subjects of the empire.

Eighth. To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty to the press and the removal as far as possible of the various restrictive laws.

The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known even in the newspapers till long after midnight. Among those able to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document whose ultimate value depends largely upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. Naturally, it has not met the fullest wishes of the liberals, but on the other hand, it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms. It is complained also that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document, which must be left to interpretation by those to whom the various reforms are entrusted.

CARD OF THANKS.

We the undersigned wish to thank those who so kindly aided us either by words of consolation, acts of kindness or floral offerings in the hour of our bereavement on the death of our beloved father, Mr. Peter Mitchell. To each and all we extend our heartfelt thanks and will ever remember their sympathetic kindness, we also wish to thank the Boston and Northern Co., of which he was an employe. Signed.

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MISS ANNIE MITCHELL,
MR. FREDERICK J. MITCHELL,
ARTHUR MITCHELL,
WILLIAM MITCHELL,
M. E. MITCHELL,
AND BRO. ERNEST.

MATRIMONIAL

Miss Florence E. Peirce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Peirce of this city, and Mr. Howard H. P. Wright of Andover were united in marriage at noon on Saturday, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Henry T. Rose of Northampton, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rose, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. The bride wore white crepe de chine with point lace and was attended by Miss Helen Rose as maid of honor. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast of 12 covers was served, and Mr. and Mrs. Wright left the town upon their wedding trip. They will live in Newton Centre and will be at home on Thursdays in February.

JEWELL—McKINLEY.

Miss Hilda Colbrooke McKinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley and Mr. Arthur Leonard Jewell, both young people of Centralville, were married Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, at the All Saints' Episcopal church, Chelmsford Centre.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. Wilson Waters. Mr. Kenneth Brown was best man, and Miss Minnie Catherine Fowler was bridemaid. The bride was given away by her father.

The bride wore white cashmere, and her maid of honor wore a dress of the same material in pale blue.

WIGHTMAN—SEAGER.

A very pretty wedding took place Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dean 14 Wilder street, where Rev. W. A. Morang united in holy matrimony Mr. Myron Wightman and Miss Sadie Seager, both of this city. The bride wore blue velvet with trimmings of silk and carried carnations. Mr. Lewis Dean was best man and Miss Mabel Richardson was bridemaid.

JOHNSON—HUGHES.

Mr. Cyrus W. Johnson and Miss Nellie Hughes, both of this city, were married at the Methodist parsonage at 806 Bridge street on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. F. M. Pickles performed the ceremony.

BIREAULT—BIREAULT.

Miss Exilia Bireault, daughter of Mr. Elisee Bireault, and Mr. Alfred Bireault, Jr., were united in marriage yesterday morning at St. Joseph's church at a nuptial mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I.

The best man was Mr. Adelard Harnois and the bridesmaid, Miss Elodia Bireault, a sister of the bride. The bride wore a handsome brown silk costume, with brown hat, and the bridesmaid wore brown voile. During the mass the quartet of the Holy Family sodality, of which the groom is a member, gave appropriate music.

The wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the groom's parents, 88 Ford street. At noon the young couple left on a week's honeymoon trip to Worcester, Manchester, Southbridge and other points. On their return they will give a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 138 B street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bireault have received a wealth of beautiful gifts, and will reside at the corner of Washington and Hale streets.

BLACKBURN—LOGAN.

Mr. Charles H. Blackburn of Stafford Springs was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Logan of this city last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wenden, 26 Leverett street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of the First Primitive Methodist church.

Miss Elizabeth Levesey was bridesmaid, and Mr. G. W. Wenden was best man. The matron of honor was Mrs. G. W. Wenden. The bride was gowned in mode silk, her maid of honor was attired in cream voile. The matron wore pale blue silk.

The ushers at the ceremony were Mr. James W. Darvill and Mr. James Levesey. There were guests present from Oswego, Roxbury, Marlboro, Monument Beach and other places. Miss Alice Leith played the wedding march.

The gifts received were numerous and useful. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn will be at home after January 8 in Stafford Springs, Conn. They left last night on the 9.25 train for a wedding trip to the Provinces.

HARDMAN—WILMOTT.

Miss Maude Wilmott of Lowell and Mr. Robert Hardman of Chelmsford Centre were united in marriage at the pastorate of the Gorham Street Methodist church yesterday. Rev. N. W. Matthews was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Margaret Rossano was bridesmaid and Mr. Ernest Erickson was best man.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hardman will reside in Chapel street.

HEATH—McRAE.

Saturday night at the residence of Rev. J. M. Craig, Mr. Charles A. Heath of Haverhill and Miss Flora A. McRae of this city were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Heath will live at Haverhill after a short wedding trip.

ROBINSON—LEAVY.

Mr. Charles M. Robinson and Mrs. Georgiana Leavy were married yesterday at their home, 50 Elm street, in the presence of many invited friends. Rev. Smith T. Ford was the officiating minister.

INDOOR BASEBALL

Y. M. C. I. TEAM DEFEATED CO. M.

The first indoor baseball game of the season was played at the armory last night, the contesting teams being company M and the Y. M. C. I. The contest resulted in a victory for the latter team by a score of 28 to 13.

The makeup of the teams was as follows:

Y. M. C. I.—Martin lf, King ls, McCaffrey 2b, O'Hara 2b, Kelley 1b, Reardon rf, Jordan c, Ahearn rs, McMahon p.

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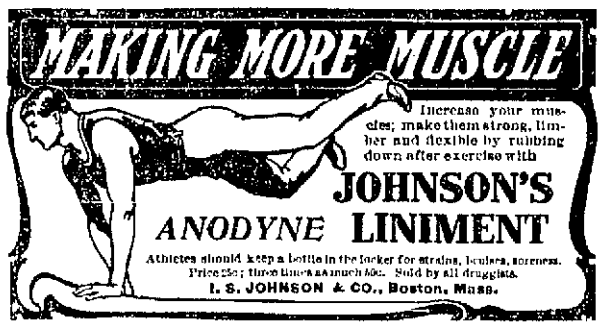

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REMEDIES SUGGESTED FOR TRUST EVILS.

The recent report of the bureau of corporations is voluminous and as important as voluminous.

The recommendations of the commissioner, James Rudolph Garfield, are apparently along the lines of practical reform and if carried out will result in much good.

The great question discussed is the control of large state concerns doing an interstate business. Of these concerns the commissioner speaks quite plainly. He points out a deep seated dissatisfaction as a result of existing conditions in the commercial and industrial evils throughout the country. The present legal conditions under which corporation business is carried on is particularly unsatisfactory. They not only admit but invite abuse. The state system he asserts as applied to interstate business amounts almost to a state of anarchy while the tendency is steadily downward. He further shows that under present arrangements no improvement is practical but he suggests a means of overcoming the evils of the state system.

The primary work of the bureau is to lay a good statistical foundation as it were covering all the phases of such corporation, to get a line on each, so to speak; in order that proper information may be secured on which to base federal legislation for the restriction of these combines.

Regarding the beef trust which was made a special object of investigation, the report says:

"On March 18, 1904, a resolution was passed by the house of representatives directing the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the alleged beef combination. The secretary of commerce and labor directed the Bureau of Corporations to conduct the inquiry called for in the resolution. An extended special report on this subject will shortly be submitted. Special agents, with clerical assistants, have been constantly in the field since April. They have secured comprehensive statistics, chiefly relating to the prices of cattle and of beef, from the records of all the companies in the alleged combination and also from independent packers, commission men, retail dealers, and other sources. They have interviewed a large number of independent packers, commission men, cattle raisers, meat dealers, and other persons, with a view to ascertaining facts and opinions relating to the existence of a combination, the movements of prices, the causes of such movements and the general conditions of the cattle and beef industry."

Commissioner Garfield recommends a federal license as a means of holding these large corporations under proper restraint and he outlines the possible forms congressional action may take under the following heads:

"A—Delegation to the states of control of interstate commerce. This is believed to be unconstitutional and, secondly, subject to all the objections applicable to the present 'State system.'"

"B—Compulsory federal corporation of interstate commerce companies. This is probably legally practicable, but it presents serious difficulties because of its effects upon the authority of the state over such corporations in matters of taxation and local regulations.

"C—Federal license or franchise for interstate commerce. Legally, this is practicable; it gives the national government direct regulation of the agencies of interstate and foreign commerce."

Judging from the evils which Commissioner Garfield points out and the remedies he suggests, it seems that if congress takes up the matter of proper control of large corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, it can easily provide restraints that will remedy many of the abuses now inflicted upon the country by the trusts. If the suggestions offered by Commissioner Garfield be adopted by congress the Bureau of Corporations will prove well worth all it costs the government.

THE POPULAR AND THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The complete canvass of the votes cast in the recent election shows that Alton G. Parker polled a smaller percentage of the popular vote than did any defeated candidate since 1868. To show the percentage of the popular vote and how it differs from the percentage of the electoral vote received by the candidates, the following tables are presented:

Popular Vote.

1868	Grant	53	Seymour	47
1872	Grant	56	Greeley	44
1876	Hayes	48	Tilden	51
1880	Garfield	48	Hancock	48
1884	Cleveland	49	Blaine	48
1888	Harrison	48	Cleveland	49
1892	Cleveland	46	Harrison	43
1896	McKinley	51	Bryan	46
1900	McKinley	51	Bryan	45
1904	Roosevelt	58	Parker	38

Electoral Vote.

1868	Grant	73	Seymour	27
1872	Grant	82	Greeley	18
1876	Hayes	50	Tilden	50
1880	Garfield	58	Hancock	42
1884	Cleveland	55	Blaine	45
1888	Harrison	58	Cleveland	42
1892	Cleveland	62	Harrison	32
1896	McKinley	61	Bryan	39
1900	McKinley	65	Bryan	35
1904	Roosevelt	71	Parker	29

From these tables it is clear that the candidate who receives the highest percentage of the popular vote is not always the candidate elected. Thus Hayes in 1876 did not get a majority, Garfield got about the same percentage as did Hancock who was defeated. Harrison in 1888 was elected although he received a smaller popular vote than Cleveland. It is the electoral vote that elects and this rather awkward provision of the constitution very frequently defeats the will of the people.

THE SALARY LIST.

The committee on salaries in making up the list for next year saw fit to recommend an increase of $200 for Chief Hosmer of the fire department, who is now receiving a salary of $2,000 a year. A slight increase has been recommended in the salary of the board of registrars and although their labors do not call for any lengthy service, still the board is an important one and nobody is likely to object to the slight increase suggested which simply adds $50 to the salary of each the chairman receiving $650 and each of the others $550.

The committee saw a great chance to economize on the salary of fish warden who is now receiving the extravagant sum of $40. This they reduced by 30 per cent, so that the fish warden may hereafter draw the neat sum of $25. The committee seems to have overlooked the fact that the pound-keeper receives $5 a year while in the opinion of honest citizens the sum of $2.50 would be ample for his services. Strange that the committee was so blind to the city's interests.

But had the committee considered the fitness of things it would have used the pruning knife somewhat differently. There is one anomaly in the salary list which we never could explain and that is the fact that the superintendent of schools receives the same salary as the mayor of the city. His salary of $3,000 is about $1,000 more than it should be, and if extravagance did not rule in the school board the superintendent's salary would not exceed that amount. The superintendent does not work any harder than one of the grammar masters, none of whom get over $2000 and we venture to say that if our superintendent were retired from his present position he would be entirely willing to accept a principalship at $2,000, while one of the principals would be willing to accept his place at the same sum.

SEEN AND HEARD

The telephone bell sounded at the police station. Deputy Welch answered and a sweet voiced woman at the other end of the line said: "I wish you would tell Officer B—— to remove the snow from his sidewalk.

"Here is Officer B——," said the deputy "I will call him to the 'phone."

"Oh, no, no, I do not want to talk with him," said the lady with alarm in her voice.

"He is right here," said the deputy and bang went the telephone.

"That little woman is minus the courage of her convictions," remarked the deputy.

I was reading the other day of a five-year-old boy who surprised his father by saying: "President Roosevelt is an exceptionally fine man." That was a pretty big speech for so small a boy, but there are other boys, younger than the lad who so surprised his father, who make just as big speeches. I have in mind a three-year-old, the prettiest boy that I have ever seen, and his speech is beyond his years.

The other evening he stood upon a chair and was fumbling about a high desk moving things at random. "Look out James," said his mother, "you will break that vase."

"If I did mama, it would be merely an accident," was the lad's reply.

His brother Thomas is somewhat of a book worm. He is a sensitive boy and he studies his lessons carefully so that he will stand ready to answer all questions that his teacher may ask. Thomas had his head in his books the other night and James, looking up from his play said: "Mama, don't you think Thomas is very ambitious?" These are but samples of the wonderful sentences uttered by little James. There is only one way we can account for the remarkable speech of so young a child. His mind must be exceptionally retentive and words used by older persons photograph themselves upon his brain.

A MAINE FARMER'S HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

I am glad that Christmas's coming, the day is almost here,
When our heart responds to others, in happy, thankful cheer.
I know I have much to be thankful for, for Fate has been so kind;
But these few items follow, seem most important to my mind.

I am happy I am not a Russian, to fight among ice and snow,
And get licked by every little Jap, which ever way I go;
I am happy that I have plenty of cider, which for Christmas is on tap,
And I'll gladly draw a pitcher and drink success to the dusky Jap.

I am happy I am not Tom Lawson, Rogers, Young or Greene,
To receive such vile and ugly names as in the press are seen,
But still I think that Lawson's right and knows what he's about,
So I'll drink success to Tommy, as long as my cider holds out.

I am happy I have plenty of cider, but this draught I must say,
For this especial occasion I feel like adding "Nay."
For I am happy, oh, so happy! that through the ordinance of Fate
The face of Mrs. Chadwick was never seen in our old State.

CANAL COMMISSION

SOME TALK OF REDUCING NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—President Roosevelt has given consideration recently to suggestions looking to a reduction in the membership of the Panama canal commission, but thus far, it can be said, no definite decision has been reached. Some members of the congress urge that the commission is so large as to be unwieldly.

It is known that Representative Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on inter state and foreign commerce believes that the commission is too large and that the chief engineer of the nation ought to have greater initial authority than he now has.

Mr. Hepburn talked to the president about canal matters, but he declined to say whether it was the intention of his committee to introduce a measure looking to the crystalization of his ideas into law. Before action of a definite nature is taken, the subject will be considered carefully in all its phases.

OFFICER MAY DIE

Race Riot Broke Out in Plainfield, N. J.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two policemen fatally injured, a third badly hurt, and four negroes locked up, is the result of a battle that took place early Sunday in North Plainfield, N. J., between firemen, policemen and citizens on one side, and a gang of negroes on the other. Marshal Fluck and Special Policeman William Klein are dying in Muhlenberg hospital, the former with a deep knife thrust below the right shoulder, and the latter with razor cuts over his entire body, 60 stitches having been required to close the wounds. A third policeman, Walter Smallrey, is at his home, his face battered and bruised and suffering from a kick in the groin. The prisoners are Samuel Hunt, Walter Toms, Albert Tunstall and James Henderson, all residents of Plainfield.

The negroes had been standing on street corners yelling "Merry Christmas" at everyone who passed and demanding money to buy drink. Smallrey attempted to arrest one of them and was knocked down and beaten. Klein went to his assistance, but was struck in the face and slashed with a razor. Passersby summoned assistance and Chief George Weiss and Fluck responded. The negroes drew knives and razors, and even the sight of revolvers failed to stop them.

The police did not shoot for fear of hitting some one in the crowd and a call was sent for the fire department. The firemen responded and with citizens joined in the battle which was waged nearly half an hour. When the negroes were finally subdued and about to be taken to jail, there were cries from the crowd of "Bring a rope" and "Lynch them". Chief Watts warned the hot-headed to keep away but some members of the crowd got close enough to strike the negroes. A crowd hung about the jail for hours and all through the day, in both Plainfield and North Plainfield frequent fights occurred between white men and negroes.

HOUSE DESTROYED

BLAZE WAS STARTED BY A CANDLE.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27.—The handsome residence of Col. and Mrs. Tracey on Seaview avenue, facing Long Island Sound, was burned yesterday, a candle which was a part of the decorations of a Christmas tree starting the blaze. Col. and Mrs. Warren were entertaining a party of children at the time. All the persons in the house got out safely but in her anxiety for the children Mrs. Warren neglected to take with her some valuable jewels. Practically all the contents of the house were consumed. The loss is $12,000, partially insured.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DECIDED IN FAVOR OF GENERAL KENNY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Attorney General Moody has given an opinion to Secretary Morton in the case of Paymaster General A. S. Kenny, U. S. N., retired, who some time ago made a protest against being designated in the navy register and in official correspondence as "pay director," the contention being he should be designated as "pay-master general, U. S. N., retired." The attorney general holds that the title of paymaster general and of the chiefs of other staff bureaus of the navy department goes over to the retired list with the officer and stays with them thereafter.

TWELVE HORSES RESCUED.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 27—A stable at Maplewood park, owned by the Eastern Maine Fair Association, and leased by Ralph Burrill, a horse trainer, was burned Sunday. Twelve fine bred horses were rescued, but the stallion Percy Wilkes, valued at $1000, owned by H. N. Pierce of Lincoln, was suffocated. The total loss will be $15,000 partially covered by insurance.

THREE MEN DEAD

Ice Boats in Head-On Collision

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Three men were killed and three seriously hurt in a crash of two ice boats speeding before a gale of wind at the rate of 50 miles an hour on Onondaga lake Sunday afternoon. The dead are James Jackson, Charles Markham and George Todd, all of this city. Jackson lived only long enough to be removed from the wreck of the yachts to the shore, while Markham died an hour later at St. Joseph's hospital here. George Todd was also taken to the hospital, where he died shortly after midnight. The others, all of whom are more or less seriously injured, are Fred Warner, Otto Schilling and John Sessler. The accident occurred after the first of the season's regattas of the Onondaga Lake Ice Yacht club which attracted fully 1500 persons to the lake.

HE CONFESSED

MAN ADMITTED THAT HE KILLED HIS AUNT.

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 27—Geo. Bearss, who was arrested at Flint yesterday, confessed, Sheriff Davidson says, to the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Abel Brown, on her farm last Friday. Mrs. Brown's head was crushed and she was stabbed several times. The officers say that Bearss said he was infatuated with his aunt.

FROZEN TO DEATH

MAN WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN A STABLE.

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 25—William Chase, 70 years old, and supposed to be homeless, was found unconscious in a stable Sunday and was removed to a hospital where he died shortly after his arrival. According to the hospital physicians, Chase virtually froze to death.

ELEVEN INJURED

ELECTRIC CAR COLLIDED WITH A POLE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 27—An electric car laden with passengers, ran away down a steep hill on Olney street about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, and collided with an electric light pole at the base of the hill. Eleven persons, including the conductor and motorman, were injured, but none seriously.

TWO KILLED

DEMONSTRATION HELD AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS.

RAZOM, Russian Poland, Dec. 27—After the midnight mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral, Sunday a crowd composed of workmen paraded the streets carrying red flags. The military authorities in trying to disperse it were received with shots and a serious encounter followed in which the commander of the 26th regiment was killed and a gendarme was wounded. One of the demonstrators was killed.

GAS EXPLODED

FIVE PERSONS INJURED, TWO OF THEM SERIOUSLY.

WHEELING, Va., Dec. 27—Five persons were injured, two of them seriously, Sunday by a natural gas explosion in the home of B. P. Biggs, in North Wheeling. Miss Pearl Cox, of West Liberty, a visitor was seriously burned, and an infant was thrown half way across the street, sustaining serious wounds. Mr. Biggs, Mrs. Biggs and Glen Biggs were painfully hurt. The house was completely wrecked.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

That ever popular and well known melodrama "East Lynne" was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening and long before the opening of either performance the sign "standing room only" was hung outside the box office and many of the patrons had to be refused admittance owing to the fact that the advance sale had been very large.

The play itself is too well known to go into description, but it is one which will ever be popular. Despite the fact that it has been presented in this city many times the character of the present company is such that it appeals to the lovers of good melodrama and there is little or no doubt but that the remaining performances of "East Lynne" will be well attended.

The working up of the several climaxes in the play is most interesting, while the climaxes are soul-stirring and thrilling in the extreme. Then there is a wave of comedy which floats through the piece that seems to balance the heavier parts.

The cast is headed by Mr. Charles G. Tingay, who for ten years was leading man and manager for the well known star, and Miss Marguerite Calla for the past three years leading lady of the "Sign of the Cross" company, Wilson Barrett's English success. Miss Calla is the daughter of the late Ada Gray, who for so many years was seen throughout the United States and Canada as Lady Isabel and Mme. Vine, and very worthily she wears the laurels, for it is difficult to distinguish whether it is not Miss Gray herself, so beautifully does she portray this very trying role.

John Walters in the role of Sir Francis Levison, does well. The remaining members of the cast are all experienced people and each takes care of the characters assigned in a pleasing manner.

"East Lynne" will be given twice today, with matinee and night performances tomorrow.

ENDED HIS LIFE

BROKER MADE DESPERATE BY FAILURE OF COMPANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Made desperate by the failure of the American fuel corporation, of which he was secretary, George S. Evans, a broker and promoter, ended his life in a hotel in Jersey City yesterday by shooting himself in the head.

When he committed the act, his wife was sitting at a window in the residence of her father in Bloomfield, N. J., awaiting the promised coming of her husband, and she saw the messenger who brought the announcement of the tragedy. Upon hearing the news, Mrs. Evans fainted and is now in a serious condition under the care of a physician.

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PLANT WRECKED

Powder House at Haverhill Blew Up

THE PEOPLE OF HALIFAX FEARED EARTHQUAKE

Doors Forced Open and Glass Broken

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—Part of the plant of the Acadia Powder company, in the town of Waverley, ten miles from here, was wrecked yesterday by an explosion of powder, which caused such a concussion that the shock was felt within a radius of 20 miles and which struck Halifax with such force that many windows were broken and the residents became mildly panic stricken.

Although it was at first reported that several lives were lost, it was later established that no one was injured or killed. Many persons, however, were knocked down by the force of the explosion and either stunned or rendered unconscious. The property loss is $25,000.

The explosion, which occurred at 10.30 yesterday morning, was so markedly felt in Halifax and in other places within the territory affected that the people feared an earthquake had come. Buildings trembled and broken glass fell almost upon every street.

Fifteen or 20 men had just left the dryhouse of the plant when a terrific concussion occurred, wrecking the dryhouse and demolishing all of the smaller buildings of the plant nearby. The workmen had a narrow escape from death and from being injured by wreckage which was hurled through the air in every direction. All were knocked down and made insensible.

An investigation showed that the powder stored in the dryhouse had exploded, probably due to overheating. A hole of some depth in the ground indicated the severity of the concussion, while the appearance of various smaller structures near by, which were totally demolished, showed that the damage was considerable. The magazines connected with the plant remained intact, but the shock had badly damaged the structure in which many tons of powder were stored. Dense woods surrounded the powder plant, but after the explosion they gave the appearance that a cyclone had passed through them.

The house of Robert Layton, manager of the works, situated about one-quarter of a mile from the scene, was badly damaged, and Miss Margaret Layton, the daughter of Mr. Layton, who was in the sitting room on the second story, was thrown violently to the floor and rendered unconscious.

One of the peculiar effects of the explosion in this city was the forcing open of locked doors in many of the shops and stores. Heavy plate-glass windows in many business places were wrecked, and at one of the fire department houses the large front doors were burst open.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS

GIRL DIED WHILE ON WAY TO HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A young woman, poorly clad, was found unconscious seated on a bench in Riverside drive yesterday. She was partially covered by snow which had drifted about her.

An ambulance was summoned but the girl died on the way to the hospital without regaining consciousness.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Maurice White yesterday drank a solution of corrosive sublimate, mistaking it for medicine. She was taken to the Frost hospital, where it was later announced that she could not recover.

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BURNED TO DEATH

Man and His Family the Victims

OLDTOWN, Maryland, Dec. 27.—Mack Nimarick, his wife and child and Anna and Massaun Cole, Nimarick's sisters-in-law, all Slavs, were burned to death yesterday in a shanty in which fifty laborers employed on the Wabash railroad were housed. An explosion of coal oil is supposed to have caused the accident.

Foul play is suspected by the police as Nimarick is said to have had a considerable sum of money on his person Sunday. Two of the Slavs, members of the camp, are said to be missing.

WATER PIPES BURST

BLOCK ON CENTRAL STREET BADLY FLOODED.

Water pipes in the tenement block numbered 560 Central street burst yesterday noon and flooded the lower floors of the building. Galloway's barber shop is in the front of the building and this place was completely flooded with water, while several tenements occupied by Portuguese also got well wet down.

FATALLY INJURED

LAWRENCE MAN FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 27.—John F. Lowell, aged 60, of 124 Boxford street, died yesterday in the general hospital from a fractured skull, sustained by falling down a stairway at 261 Canal street. He was a watchman in the Washington mills.

He was late in leaving his home yesterday morning, but finding an opportunity to get breakfast he went to the Canal street boarding house. He opened a wrong door in leaving and fell down a flight of stairs. He left a family.

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MAY REORGANIZE

Important Circular Issued to the Stockholders

The Boott Mills May be Placed on Better Business Basis—Early Meeting to be Held

Plans to re-organize the Boott cotton mills are on foot. The stockholders will hold a special meeting on Thursday next. The circular to the stockholders reads as follows:

"The collapse in the price of cotton last spring after a speculative advance was followed by a great depression in the cotton goods trade, and an almost unparalleled abstaining from buying, especially of fine goods, caused most serious losses on both cotton and cloth. This condition was general and the Boott cotton mills were closed for three months.

"The depreciation in cotton and cloth since a year ago and since the stoppage last summer and autumn, and the expenses during the stoppage involved not only the loss of the quick capital of the company as it stood a year ago, but a debt of $160,000. The mills started in November, and are now running in large part with orders for goods that may take six weeks to fill, but they cannot continue to run after that time without a considerable addition of cash capital."

The directors have submitted the following plans:

That the capital stock of the company, now at $1,200,000 in 1200 shares at $1000 par value each, be reduced to 3000 shares of a par value of $100 each; that the company be authorized to issue $450,000 new stock which is to be preferred over the then existing $300,000 common stock as to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6 per cent., the preferred stock to share in profit with the common stock pro rata after both classes of stock shall have received in any one calendar year dividends of 6 per cent. and to have voting power; that the $450,000 preferred stock shall be offered to stockholders at par in proportion to their holding, that is, for every $100 share of common stock, 1½ shares of preferred at $100 per share.

The option for subscription is to run 30 days. In event that $300,000 of the $450,000 of the new preferred stock shall be subscribed by responsible parties, the plan may be declared operative. Otherwise, the subscriptions shall be cancelled and the plan declared inoperative. In the latter case, the board of directors is to have authority to sell the plant at public or private sale.

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BARRETT KILLED

He Was Struck by Express Train

CHELSEA, Dec. 27.—George V. Barrett, a conductor of the Boston & Northern street railway, was instantly killed last night at the Everett avenue railroad crossing by an inward-bound Portland express.

Barrett had left his car and was standing on the tracks facing an outward bound train.

Stepping from the track he was struck by the inward-bound train and hurled some 50 feet, striking against a post, which crushed his forehead and skull.

Barrett was 43 years old and resided in Everett with his wife and two children.

SPORTS ARRESTED

Raid on Cocking Main at Plaistow, N. H.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 27.—The 22 men arrested by the Plaistow, N. H., officers Sunday for being present at a cock fight in that town, appeared before Judge Noyes yesterday morning and all pleaded guilty.

Cideric Demarais, in whose house the main was in progress, pleaded guilty to promoting the main and was fined $25 and costs. The others were charged with being present and were fined $15 and costs.

They are Charles Leblanc, Frank Bernard, Henry Buell, George Greenwood, Henry Gasco, Louis Lambert and Joseph Brunelle of Manchester, N. H.; Joseph Collins, Ernest Srouritt and Joseph Callahan of Plaistow, N. H.; Frank Collins and Joseph Veno of Lawrence, Walter B. Hayes, Louis Drepeau, William Martin, Jamis Paris, Joseph Blanchard and Benjamin Hall of this city, Joseph Bouchard and Edwin Bouchard of Epping, N. H. and Frank Sines of Kingston, N. H.

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Best Round Steak, 2 lbs. for 25c
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Best Corned Beef....5c to 7c lb.
Best Legs Veal.....10c lb.

Best short cut Legs Lamb 10c lb.
Best Cape Cod Cranberries, 5c qt.
Best Bread Flour, 85c bag; $6.75 bbl.
Best Butterine.....10c to 15c lb.
Best Creamery Butter, 5-lb. Boxes, $1.50
Best Green Mountain Potatoes, 18c peck; 70c bush.
6 lbs. of large Prunes..... 25c
20-lb. pail Compound Lard, $1.40
Fresh Eggs .....25c doz.

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BISHOP DELANY

RT. REV. JOHN B. DELANY.

Says Things are Very Promising in Ireland

MANCHESTER, Dec. 27—Bishop Delany, who reached home from Portsmouth at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, the single passenger on a special train, greeted his parishioners of St. Joseph's cathedral at each of the morning masses. There was great rejoicing at his safe return, and in his appearance there was no sign of serious result from the experiences described in press dispatches of Friday night, telling of the panic on board the Prinzess Irene, which put into Halifax for coal, several days overdue from Naples for New York.

"The modern liner," says Bishop Delany, "barring accidents, is safe against anything that blows the seas. Our only danger was in the possibility of a serious accident to the machinery. There was fear on the Irene, of course, and everybody had recourse to prayer, but I should hardly call it panicky. It is not true that I went to the steerage to quiet such conditions there."

Bishop Delany spent a week in Ireland and two weeks in France. He believes that things are "looking up" for Ireland, that the new land act contains much of hopefulness and that lessening emigration marks the dawn of brighter days.

He sees, to, a revival of religious faith in France, and expects an early end of the persecution to which the Catholic church in that country has been subject. Bishop Delany saw Pope Pius X. on four occasions, having a private audience with him Nov. 20, when the holy father inquired about the condition of the church in New Hampshire and sent his blessing to priests and people. The pope seemed to be particularly pleased with the reports that Bishop Delany had to lay before him.

At the conclusion of this private audience Bishop Delany presented his sisters, the Misses Grace and Clotilde of Lowell, and his traveling companion, Rev. Joseph G. Anderson of St. Cecilia's, Boston. This is what the pope said in blessing the little objects of piety that they held.

"I bless you all. I bless what you hold in your hands. I bless what you have in your hearts and what you have in your minds."

Then extending his hand to each in turn, he said 'Adio,' and the audience was at an end.

"The heaviest storm I ever saw," said Rev. Fr. Anderson. "It was severe all night and all Sunday and Monday, but Monday night the worst and most terrific gale came up. Seven ventilators were swept overboard, and an iron door demolished.

"The lower cabins were flooded and by the force of the shock three passengers were thrown about and injured. Two in the steerage suffered greatly and were put in the ships hospital, while a first class passenger escaped with a cut, which, however, required three stitches.

"I of course had never seen such a storm, and the captain, who has been in the service 30 years, assured me he had never experienced one like it.

"Under the fearful conditions of Monday night, when he had resigned ourselves to what appeared to be the end, the seven Catholic clergymen with Bishop Delany recited the prayers and were prepared to administer the sacrament.

"Fr. P. S. Cruney of Erie, N. Y., was with the second class and steerage passengers in their agony, and he gave them spiritual comfort. It seemed, as I have said, that there was no hope for us.

"But after all we did reach Halifax. You have been told how we landed ashore by ourselves. Well, now I wish to say that the people of Halifax were most kind and thoughtful. They did everything in their power to make us comfortable and to aid us. Passenger agent Lambkin of the Intercolonial railway gladly held the 9 o'clock train two hours, that our baggage might be taken off the ship and carried to the depot. Immigration Commissioner Enwright and Mr. Powers of the customhouse were also generous with their time and services.

"Have I told you what a noble man the captain was? With two days' dead reckoning—that is observations without the sun—we made Halifax in the face of a blinding snow storm at 4.30 Friday afternoon. After leaving Halifax we proceeded to St. John, reaching there the next day.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

FUNERALS

HALLETT—The funeral of Miss Bessie Hallett was held yesterday afternoon from her home, 17 London street, and the large number of friends and relatives in attendance at the services and the wealth of floral offerings sent evidenced to a marked degree the esteem in which deceased was held by all who knew her. Rev. Mr. Chapman was the officiating clergyman and there was singing by the ladies' choir of the House of Prayer. The bearers were Walter Bearce, Leaman Currier, Ada Pullen; spray of pink roses, Mr. Moses and John McKelvey, Howard Hallett and Chester Currier.

Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge.

GOLDEN—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Golden took place yesterday morning from her home, 37 West Fifth street, and was very largely attended, including a number from Newton and Watertown. At 9 o'clock, at St. Michael's church, a funeral mass was sung by Rev. J. J. Shaw, assisted by Rev. E. A. Carney, deacon, and Rev. F. J. Mullin, sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy, sang Schmidt's mass. There were beautiful floral offerings in evidence, showing the esteem in which deceased was held by her friends. The bearers were Messrs. Dominick McCarty, James Mitchell, John Riley, Peter Kilbride, Frank Kilbride and Mr. McVeely. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Fr. Mullin read the committal services at the grave. Funeral director James W. McKenna had charge.

FORBES—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Forbes was held yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker J. W. Brooks and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

MANSUR—The funeral of Lena May, daughter of Philip and Mary Mansur, was held Sunday afternoon from the home of her parents in East Dracut, and burial was in the East Dracut cemetery. Undertaker J. W. Brooks had charge.

KANE—The funeral of Bridget Kane was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her home, 23 Franklin street, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. The floral pieces were numerous. The bearers were Murtagh and Thomas Vaughn, Cormack and Patrick Kiernan, and James and Charles Smith. Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons had charge.

CONWAY—The funeral of Esther Conway was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from the home of her parents, 23 Sawtelle place, off School street, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

GILLICK—The funeral of John J. Gillick was held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from his residence, 473 Riverside street, Dracut, and at 10 o'clock a funeral mass was celebrated at St. Michael's church by Rev. Fr. Murphy. There was a delegation from court Middlesex, F. of A., consisting of Frank and T. J. Brick, James T. Geary and Joseph McGann in attendance, and the bearers were John Keenane, Bernard Mack, Charles Murphy, John Hogan, John McGrath and Patrick McGrath. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Mullin conducted the committal prayers at the grave. The floral offerings were profuse. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

GILLEN—The funeral of Mrs. Martha Gillen took place Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of her daughter, 37 Lagrange street. The bearers were Messrs. James Fife, John Bowers, George Bowers, Thomas Gill, John Boyle and Frank McMahon. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

MARCOTTE—The funeral of William J. Marrotte took place Sunday from his home, 26 Pleasant street, and services were held at the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I., officiating. Undertaker McDermott has charge of the arrangements and the bearers were Messrs. John J. Cryan, Frank O'Neil, John J. O'Brien and Peter Bernard. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

HARRINGTON—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Harrington was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, 36 Davidson st. Services were held at the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Sullivan officiating. The bearers were James Sullivan, Michael McAleer, John McCaffrey, James McMahon, Jeremiah Crowley and George Dunlavey. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

MEEHAN—The funeral of the late Edward Meehan took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. Funeral services were held at St. Peter's church at 2.30, Rev. Fr. McDermodd officiating. The burial was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

GROVE—The funeral of Hazel, E. Grove took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the home of William Dunn, No. 3 Walker avenue. The remains were sent to Boston for interment at Woodlawn cemetery by Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

DEATHS

MEAD—Mr. Patrick Mead, aged 46, of 60 Beech street, Dracut, died at his residence, yesterday. Deceased was a resident of that place for many years past, and he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his death. He leaves a wife, Ann; four daughters, Mrs. Frank Queenan, Mrs. William Freeman, Mrs. John Mead and Miss Margaret Mead, and five sons, James, Patrick, Peter, Martin and John.

HANNAFIN—Word was received yesterday of the death of Thomas Hannafin, a former resident of this city, at his home at Kansas City, Mo., aged 43 years. He is survived by a wife, one son, and three brothers, Patrick of Providence, and Maurice and Daniel of Lowell, and two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Quinlan of Tyngsboro and Mrs. Anthony Toohey of this city. Arrangements have been made to forward the body to this city.

MILLER—Mrs. Aurelia Miller, widow of the late J. T. Miller and one of the oldest French residents of this city, passed away at her home, 284 Fletcher street, Sunday morning. The deceased was 77 years and 6 months of age. She was very prominently known among the French residents and was a devout and constant attendant at St. Joseph's church.

Mrs. Miller had seven children, three of whom survive her, Miss Ida Miller, Mrs. Edward S. Houle and Mr. Joseph Miller, all of this city. Her other children were Mrs. John Lefebvre of Manchester, N. H., Mrs. Edmond Duprez, Mrs. David A. Parthenais and Miss Florence Miller, all of Lowell, now deceased. Besides her children she also leaves two brothers, Mr. Napoleon Ritchie of San Francisco, Cal., and Mr. Joseph Ritchie of St. Augustine, Florida; and six grandchildren, Walter, Bernice and Mildred Lefebvre of Manchester, N. H.; Florence Duprez of Fall River and Ethel Chalifoux and Irene Parthenais of this city.

Buy your gifts at Oriental Bazaar.

CHIEF OF POLICE

MAY RESIGN AND GO TO THE FRONT.

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Moscow zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience, resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and people. The zemstvo then voted $150,000 for the construction of schoolhouses to mark its satisfaction. It is reported that Chief-of-Police Trepoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstrations is about to resign and proceed to the front.

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PITCHED BATTLE

Three Men Fought to the Death

TWO OF THEM WERE KILLED

Trouble Started in Girl's Home

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Lucien and Ira Lucas and the fatal wounding of Octavo Adkins, near Midkiff, in Lincoln county, Sunday night, has been cleared. It was learned yesterday that the shooting was not the work of an assassin, but occurred in a pitched battle in which three persons figured and four persons were shot instead of three. Lucien and Ira Lucas had attended church at Midkiff and on their return in company with Miss Martha Williams, the party stopped at the home of William Adkins. Adkins had forbidden Ira Lucas from visiting at his home and Sunday night when Lucas, his brother and Miss Williams called, the father followed his daughter to the front door. Seeing Lucas, he forbade him entering but invited the remainder of the party in. This so angered Ira Lucas that he drew his revolver and fired into the doorway, the supposition being that he intended to kill the father of the girl. Lucas' bullets went wild, however, and one of them penetrated the body of his sweetheart, Miss Adkins, who fell in the hallway, seriously but not fatally wounded. Adkins by this time had drawn his revolver and Lucien Lucas joined in the shooting which became a battle to the death. Both Lucien and Ira Lucas were killed outright, and their friend, Octavo Adkins, a nephew of William Adkins, was mortally wounded. William Adkins was uninjured but there were several bullet holes in his clothing.

Miss Williams, after her escort had been shot down, ran from the scene and gave the alarm. When officers arrived, William Adkins surrendered and is now under guard. His daughter is in a critical condition, but attending physicians say she will recover.

Goods at low prices. Oriental Bazaar.

LANDMARK GONE

HOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN HIDING PLACE FOR CHARLEY ROSS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An old house in Sunset park, one of the landmarks of Brooklyn, has been burned. It always has been thought that the house was used as a hiding place for "Charley" Ross immediately after he was kidnapped in Philadelphia.

The house was a relic of revolutionary times and recently had been used by a park watchman as a shelter. Mischievous boys skating on Spot lake snowballed the old watchman and when he gave chase one of them crept up and set it on fire.

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CHIEF TARBOX

Resigned as Head of Newton Police

NEWTON, Dec. 27—Chief of Police Fred A. Tarbox today, tendered his resignation as head of the city's police department and the resignation was accepted. It will take effect February 1.

It is understood that this action averts an investigation of the police department which was threatened so far as the office of chief is concerned at least. It has been generally understood that the mayor intended to prefer charges against the chief and it was announced a day or two ago that the chief would resign. Mayor Weed has positively declined pending definite official action to discuss the situation or disclose the nature of the charges which he intended to bring against the chief. Mr. Tarbox has been away from the city for several days and could not be seen with reference to the matter. The retiring chief was formerly marshal of Biddeford, Maine.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

LIVED IN LYNN

YOUNG GARRITY IS UNDER ARREST IN NEW YORK.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 27.—It was learned today that a young man named J. W. Garrity, who was arrested by Inspector Jacobs of New York in the postoffice in that city Saturday night, has relatives in Lynn. When placed under arrest Garrity told the authorities that he belonged here but the local police did not recall any person of that name. It is learned that Garrity lived in this city up to two years ago. Previously he had served a short sentence for alleged larceny at the jail in Lawrence. After his release his former companions made life unbearable for him by frequently referring to his jail record and in a short time young Garrity went to Providence and obtained employment. Garrity is 22 years old and has a mother and other relatives here. It is not known what Garrity is charged with in New York.

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Sundays, 8 45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6 28	7.40	6.30	7.26
6.30	7.30	7.54	8.54
6.40	7.53	8.25	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.57
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.48	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.56
8.37	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.33	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.57
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.30	5.00	5.37
1.56	2.39	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.54
4.26	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.08
5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.55	10 30	11.34
7.29	8.10	11.20	12.31

WESTERN DIV.
From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
6.30	7.35	7.30	8.31
8.00	8.34	9.45	10.31
9.25	10.35	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.05	1.26	2.15	3.20
12.50	2.00	3.35	4.50
2.50	3.53	4.59	5.49
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
5.00	6.46	9.40	10.35
6.15	7.10	*11.15	12.33
7.00	8.00		
8.50	10.28		

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WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.00	9.1
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.55	4.50	1.05	2.23
5.32	6.38		
8.05	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.38	7.30	9 00	10 00
7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.48	11.30	
9.20	10.15	1.00	1.57
2.25	3.27	5.00	5.39
5.28	6.30	7.30	8.04
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.08
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RECEIVED SON OF AMEER OF AFGHANISTAN.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, received Prince Inayat Ullah, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, with great ceremony at noon today in the throne room of the government house. Both the viceroy and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was most effective and the prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

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HOTEL DAMAGED

Riotous Soldiers Took Possession of It

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With fixed bayonets, 75 soldiers from the one Hundred and First and Eighty-Seventh companies, United States Artillery, stationed at Fort Totten, L. I., have charged on a hotel near the post. Fifty patrons fled by way of the back doors.

The artillerymen were celebrating Christmas in a noisy manner and took possession of the hostelry and piled their guns and haversacks. The proprietor hastened to a near-by telephone station and got word to Captain Murray, commandant at Fort Totten, who sent a corporal's guard to bring in the riotous soldiers.

A fight ensued in which the plate glass in front of the hotel and the bar was smashed. Doors were torn from the hinges in the attempt of the soldiers to break away from the guard and the place was pretty well wrecked. After a long chase the soldiers were caught and taken back to the fort.

BRUTAL ATTACK

Store Keeper Was Assaulted and Robbed

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Milton Cheerl, the proprietor of a candy store, was brutally beaten by four white men and a negro on a South End street today and robbed of a gold watch and $263 in bank notes. The man made his way in a half-unconscious condition to a nearby police station. A general search for the assailant was begun.

HUNT SHOT DEAD

DOUGHERTY TRIED TO EMULATE WILLIAM TELL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—While Elmer Hunt, 19 years old, balanced a bottle on his head, Wm. Dougherty, who having boasted of his prowess as a marksman, it is alleged, attempted to emulate Wm. Tell by shooting the bottle. At the second shot, Hunt fell to the floor with a bullet between his eyes and died almost immediately. Dougherty escaped and the police are searching for him.

CHANGES IN GARRISON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27—Several changes will take place soon in the garrison of the Cantonment at the Presidio. On Feb. 1 the Twenty First Infantry, now there, will leave for the Philippines, being relieved at the Presidio by the Sixth Infantry from Fort Leavenworth, Kas. The Eighteenth Infantry, now homeward bound, from the Philippines, will proceed on arrival to Leavenworth to replace the Sixth Infantry, which later on will proceed to the Philippines to replace the Fifteenth Infantry which will come here.

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OLD RESIDENT

ALPHEUS C. BRANN, GATETENDER OF TALBOT MILLS.

Alpheus C. Brann of No. Billerica Dead

Alpheus C. Brann, aged 71 years, 3 months and 21 days, an old and esteemed resident of North Billerica, died yesterday morning at his home on Talbot avenue in that town after a brief illness. Deceased had been apparently in the best of health until last Friday morning when he received a paralytic shock from which he never recovered. He was well known throughout the town and was a very familiar figure, having been for the past 18 years gate tender of the Talbot mills.

The deceased was born in Windsor, Me., Sept. 5, 1833, and removed at an early age to Montville, a small town in the same state, living there until he was 18, when he went to sea. He followed a seafaring life for a number of years, sailing on trading vessels which plied betwee New York and New Orleans. He also sailed on transatlantic vessels sailing between New York and ports in Spain and England.

Mr. Brann went West in 1849 and for some time worked in the mines in California and Nevada.

He located in North Billerica in October, 1871, and was employed by the Talbot Company as foreman of their stable and later as teamster for the same company. He was also employed as foreman in the old logwood mill, which position he held for a long period. In the fall of 1883 he left North Billerica, going to New York to accept a responsible position in the Brush Electric Light Company. Mr. Brann returned in 1884, coming to Lowell, where he was located for a short time. He came to North Billerica for the second time, in 1886 and shortly after was given charge of the fulling room of the Talbot mills. For the past 11 years he has been gate tender for the same company. Mr. Brann was married twice, the first time to Miss Susan E. Smith in Rockland, Me. His first wife died in 1893 and in 1894 he was married to Mrs. Ellen Haigh in North Billerica. Deceased was a man of kindly instincts and was devoted to every good cause.

He is survived by a widow, one son, Charles D. Brann, two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Ingalls of Haverhill, Mrs. Ned M. Simonds of North Billerica and two stepdaughters, Misses Elizabeth and Louise Haigh, also of North Billerica.

TRAINS CRASHED

The Passengers Had a Very Narrow Escape

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 27.—A rear-end collision on the B. & A. railroad at Woodlawn between Springfield and Westfield yesterday morning wrecked a locomotive of the express due in Boston at 11.20 a.m. and six cars of a fast freight.

Henry Merritt, aged 60, of Pittsfield, engineer of the express, received a bad scalp wound and lacerations and was scalded on both legs below the knees by escaping steam. Frank Wheeler, aged 25, of Springfield, a fireman, was uninjured.

The passengers on the express were thrown about the seats and into the aisles, but all save one, whose face came in contact with a seat when the crash came, escaped with slight bruises and a severe shaking up.

In the freight train were about 20 cars, three loaded with 200 hogs consigned to Brighton. Two of the hog cars were totally demolished and caught fire and burned. Approximately 75 hogs were either killed outright or maimed and the remainder were dumped promiscuously beside the tracks and were running wild over the country during the day, to the delight of thousands of sightseers.

Those slightly injured were butchered and sold to clamoring buyers at an average price of $3.00 apiece. Those escaping injury were lassoed by the train hands last night, put aboard cars and shipped to their destination.

The accident was caused by the bursting of an air hose on the freight shortly after it had rounded a sharp curve near the trap-rock quarries in Tatham. This resulted in immediate application of the brakes and bringing the train to a standstill.

A flagman was sent back to warn the approaching express, which was filled with passengers bound for various destinations to spend Christmas. The passenger train was late and was making up time. Scarcely a minute and a half had elapsed between the time of sending the flagman back and the collision.

Engineer Henry Merritt says he saw the flagman as the express was rounding the curve and applied the air brakes. The rails were slippery, and he was utterly unable to stop in time. Fireman Wheeler saw the danger and ran out of the cab into the tender but the engineer remained at his post near the throttle.

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STORM'S DAMAGE

Traffic Impeded and Wires Down in Many Places

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet, with a rising temperature, following the recent heavy snow storms, have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York.

Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped and nearly all through trains from the west and north are delayed.

In the city the rain and sleet which froze as soon as it struck the ground made walking hazardous and wherever there was a grade on the surface roads there was great trouble. On the elevated lines brilliant electrical displays marked the passage of trains over the ice-coated third rail.

Brooklyn appeared to suffer more than Manhattan. There all the trolley lines were in trouble. At times the entire railroad system of the borough was practically tied up.

As the rain descended it froze in a firm layer on all exposed rails and made electrical circuit for the cars and trains almost impossible.

Because of the holiday an unusually small number of cars were run in the Borough yesterday and during the night the ice had plenty of time to form. On the Brooklyn elevated lines trains supposed to run in half an hour from the bridge to the end of the line required nearly two hours for the trip.

The snow fall of Sunday amounted to five inches, and before the rain and sleet began last night, the bureau had succeeded in getting together only 3,000 men and 400 carts, so that little was done toward clearing the streets.

Broadway was cleared throughout its length and the principal spots where traffic congests were relieved.

Elsewhere the snow was shoveled into huge hillocks.

How badly the telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled could not be estimated early today. All through the east and in Pennsylvania the wires are coated with ice and the extra weight has broken many of them.

In addition to the delay caused by the sleet storm the congested traffic of the upper harbor and the north and east rivers, crowded with factory-boats, was hampered by a dense fog which wrapped the city and harbor in blinding folds. So dense was the fog that it was still almost dark at 7.30 a.m. and ferry-boats bringing the store and office employes from Jersey City and Brooklyn, poked their way slowly from slip to slip in constant danger of collision. The unpleasant conditions in the harbor were increased by the drifting ice which the warm spell of weather had caused to come down from the Hudson river and packed into some of the ferry slips. Though no serious accidents were reported, many of the ferry-boats had been unable to enter their slips through the ice and the Chicago of the Pennsylvania railroad line, in smashing her way through it, struck the slip and tore away part of her guard rail and supports of her upper deck. None of the passengers was injured. Slippery rails and streets in the city were responsible for many minor accidents and collisions.

PLENTY OF SNOW.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—This portion of the southwest was today in the grasp of a genuine blizzard which extended through Missouri into Nebraska and Iowa, over the whole of Kansas and into Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Snow well to a depth of nearly a foot and, driven by a high wind, drifted badly. Trains in every direction were delayed. At some points, particularly north of Kansas City in Iowa and Nebraska, telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless by sleet for many hours.

DENSE FOG

SETTLED OVER THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27—Traffic of every sort was badly hampered during the early hours today by a dense fog which settled over the city and vicinity during the night. The mist came with a rise in temperature accompanied early last night by a drizzle of rain, which fell during the night. A heavy thaw resulted and this, following the two and one half days of snow fall had converted the streets into rivulets and has rendered walking both disagreeable and dangerous.

The train service is irregular and commuters residing in the suburbs were late in arriving at their places of business.

The Maritime Exchange reports its wire from the city to the Delaware Breakwater and intermediate stations in trouble. It is believed, however, that many vessels are in the harbor at the Breakwater awaiting better weather.

No vessels had arrived at this port up to 10 o'clock.

A REGULAR BLIZZARD.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—A blizzard that has been raging in the west struck St. Louis and vicinity today and there was a fall of 20 degrees in the temperature in less than two hours.

MAN PERISHED

Burned to Death in Camp Near Camden Me.

CAMDEN, Maine, Dec. 27—One man was burned to death and two others barely escaped from a burning camp in which they were sleeping late last night. The dead man is Charles Rhodes, aged 38, and unmarried, and his companions were Edward Richards, owner of the camp, and William Colburn.

The former's face and hands were burned while attempting to extinguish the flames and the latter was cut and bruised by climbing through a window. The men were passing the night in a shack near Richards' home and within the village. Shortly before midnight Richards was awakened by the flames which had started from an oil stove with which the camp was heated. He tried to arouse his guests and succeeded in the few minutes available in getting Colburn out, but Rhodes was left to perish.

Richards and Colburn who were detained until this morning as the result of an inquest held by Coroner Charles Swan, were discharged as the verdict reached was that Rhodes' death was caused by accidental burning. Rhodes' body was burned beyond recognition.

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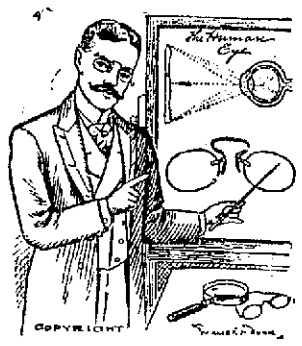

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MAN OF THE HOUR

Ex-Minister Witte is in High Imperial Favor

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—While Emperor Nicholas' manifesto on Russian reforms coupled with the government's note of warning on the same subject leaves no doubt that the emperor intends to maintain unimpaired the autocratic principle which no observer here ever imagined he would relinquish and not yield to the zemstvos demand for a national legislature, the program of reforms outlined is a broad one and if it had not been preceded by the agitation of the last few months would probably have been accepted with universal acclaim in Russia as extremely liberal. The raising of the peasants to an equality of other citizens is alone practically second only to the emancipation of the serfs but hardly less important are the guarantees which the manifesto directs to be incorporated in the laws for the protection of the personal liberties of the people against the abuses of administrative arbitrariness. The measures taken under the state of siege are no longer permittable except in cases of crimes against the state. The increase in the independence and scope of the doumas and zemstvos as well as the creation of smaller zemstvo units, the definite protection of the Jews, Armenians and other un-Orthodox sects and the revision of the press laws are all on the line of the zemstvo demands. The extremists of course are not satisfied and many of the moderate liberals are disappointed. The government note threatening drastic measures in event of a continuation of the violent agitation which the government considered necessary in order to put a stop to the existing conditions is resented deeply by them and it is feared will inflame rather than allay the present agitation.

Harsh measures it is understood will however, be avoided and the government expects that the stolid nature of the reforms of order will gradually draw to its support all except the extreme radicals.

Fully as important as the government's response to the zemstvoists is the position in which M. White is placed by confiding the reforms to the committee of ministers of which he is president. The old finance minister becomes the man of the hour confirming the reports that he is again in high imperial favor.

Moreover, this body, the duties of which, heretofore, have been purely perfunctory, is raised to the highest dignity and institute for the first time a species of ministerial responsibility, which is apt to make the committee of ministers a real cabinet. In addition to the ministers six grand dukes are members of the committee. As the imperial manifesto directs the committee to ascertain the best method of carrying the reforms into effect some papers, notably the Russ, find in these words that the committee may call in zemstvo representatives.

JOLLY GOOD TIME

Irene Myers Company Held Open House

Irene Myers company held open house at the Old Washington Tavern last evening. William H. Myers, the organizer and manager, entertained his company with a genuine Christmas jollification. First of all, there was a Christmas tree that would make Santa Claus take a second peep and there was song, music and refreshments. It was a splendid exhibition of old-time hospitality and good will. The company enjoyed the exercises as would one great family and such an occasion must certainly serve to make the company stronger in all its parts. The great Christmas tree was laden with beautiful presents for the different members of the company and among the many beautiful presents exchanged was an Elk's pin given by Miss Myers to her father and Mr. Myers' gift to his daughter was a costly and handsome diamond ring. Next Sunday Miss Irene Myers will have entered upon her seventeenth year and her birthday will be observed in a way similar to the observance of last evening.

O'Sullivan Bros. Company

Men's WOONSOCKET RUBBER BOOTS $3.25

These Boots are fresh from the factory, first quality, made this year.

Men that want Rubber Boots would do well to look these over before they pay $3.50 for old boots.

Men's LOW RUBBERS 1st Quality 50c

O'Sullivan Bros. Company
OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

LOST—A black velvet chatelaine bag, bearing initial N, between Immaculate Conception church and 413 Worthen st. Finder please return to the above address.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Howe Has Not Called One

THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE IS ANXIOUS

Common Council May Meet Thursday

The heads of departments are very anxiously awaiting the action of the board of aldermen upon the $36,000 loan which comes before that body this evening, but the most of them are wondering whether or not there will be another meeting of the common council, because the approval or disapproval of the board amounts to very little if it is not concurred in by the lower branch of the city council. The common council held its last regular meeting last Tuesday evening and cannot meet again unless the mayor calls a special meeting of this branch of the government. The mayor was at city hall today but did not issue any warrant for the aforesaid meeting. When asked about the matter he said he would give it his attention Wednesday morning, but did not commit himself to a special meeting.

City Treasurer Stiles is very anxious to clean up the matters in his office at the proper time and hopes that if the loan order is going through that there will be a special meeting on or before Thursday evening. He is very busy and has a lot of matters to negotiate and settle up and if the loan does not pass before this time it will greatly hamper the treasurer's office; as it is the force of the office will have to work about every night this week, in order to have everything cleaned up and out of the way for the starting of the new fiscal year on Monday morning.

There are several minor matters which await the attention of the common council and whether the meeting occurs Wednesday or Thursday it is pretty certain that the mayor will call a special meeting before Saturday of this week.

NO DIPHTHERIA

Reported Today--15 Cases Now Under Care

"This is pretty good weather for diphtheria," said the reporter to the agent of the board of health this morning. "Yes," he replied, "but not a case has been thus far reported. We are going along very nicely without this disease and I hope it will keep away from this city. We have only 15 cases under our supervision at present and that is a very good showing for this time of the year."

SCHOOL BOARD

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR TONIGHT.

The school board will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening. This will be the last meeting of this year's board and several new teachers will be elected and a lot of old business will be cleaned up, that has been on the table for quite a long time.

HE HANGED HIMSELF

Sad Death of Geo. C. Taylor in His Store

Evidently Committed Under Temporary Aberration of Mind—The Body Found on Upper Floor Almost Nude

George C. Taylor, of the firm of Cook, Taylor & Co., committed suicide late last night by hanging himself in one of the workrooms on the third floor of the building occupied by the firm in Central street. The body was discovered shortly before 7 o'clock this morning by a man who washes windows and cleans up about the place. He found the body, which was almost nude, dangling from a rope which was attached to a bar that was formerly used for a punching bag. The body when found was cold, showing that death had occurred many hours before.

He was seen yesterday by many of his friends who did not notice anything particularly strange about him, and was seen to enter the store shortly after 2.30 p. m. by the janitor. In all probability he did not leave it again. The circumstances point to sudden aberration of mind.

It was supposed by some that losses in the stock market caused his rash act, but his relatives assert that he has been most successful in all his stock ventures and that financial troubles cannot be assigned as the cause of his suicide.

THE BODY FOUND.

It was shortly before 7 o'clock this morning when the man who washes the windows and cleans up the place was making his way through the building that he discovered the dead body of Mr. Taylor. The man in question had made his way to the third story and was passing through one of the workrooms when he noticed Mr. Taylor's body hanging from one of the door casings as he thought.

He was dumbfounded for a few seconds, but recovering he went over and found that the body was cold, and that life was extinct, showing that the victim had been dead for a number of hours.

Alderman Albion C. Taylor, a brother of the deceased was notified as were Drs. Irish and Meigs and all were terribly shocked at the news.

After entering the store Mr. Taylor evidently made his way directly to the workroom on the floor where he was discovered for his desk and the different papers in the office were undisturbed. After reaching the workroom he must have undressed as he folded each piece of clothing very carefully and laid them one by one on the table.

The rope used had previously been thrown over the bar over the door casing and climbing on top of the table he evidently jumped or dropped off, death resulting shortly afterwards.

It is not known at what hour he did the deed, but Dr. Meigs after examining the body said that the man had been dead about twelve hours.

The body was nude with the exception of a small piece of cloth which was tied across the groins, and a pair of brown kid gloves on the hands. His feet were bound together as were his hands and wrists. The rope, which was a rather short one was tied tightly about his neck and the other end was attached to a bar extending from a door casing to the wall.

The bar over which the rope was suspended was formerly a part of a punching bag stand and was used in a former club room which occupied the rooms before the Cook, Taylor & Co., enlarged their quarters.

NO MOTIVE FOR SUICIDE.

The next thing which was looked for was why Mr. Taylor should desire to die. He has always been considered an honest and upright man and one of Lowell's leading businessmen. He had a very lucrative business and there was no reason why he should desire to die, even if he had suffered money losses, but his friends say he has gained heavily instead of losing by his speculation in stocks.

One of the medical examiners in attendance who was a particular friend of Mr. Taylor, stated that he was of the opinion that Mr. Taylor had a streak of insanity and that during one of those spells he decided to end his life. On many occasions it is said, Mr. Taylor acted very strangely and that he was an eccentric man.

The business men of the city were shocked when they learned the sad news of Mr. Taylor's death and could not account for it as he was held in great esteem by the different business men throughout the city.

The mother of Mr. Taylor was greatly shocked at the report of her son's death, although the details were withheld from her.

The only other relative who survives Mr. Taylor is his brother Alderman Albion C. Taylor, who was nearly prostrated when the sad news reached him.

BOTH STORES CLOSED UP.

The employes at the Central street store, soon after reporting this morning, were apprised of the facts connected with the case and were excused from work for the present.

The body after being examined by Medical Examiner Irish and his assistant, Dr. Meigs, was taken to the warerooms of Undertaker J. B. Currier in Prescott street to be removed to the home, 166 Fairmount street, later in the afternoon. The death return, at the time of going to press, had not been signed.

Dr. Meigs and Mr. McKinley looked over the books in the store to find if there was any possible cause for Mr. Taylor's rash deed but found nothing whatever that would indicate anything wrong.

The news of Mr. Taylor's death has brought keen sorrow to his friends throughout the city and also to his many employes in both his stores, to whom he was always very kind and considerate. His aged mother and brother have the sympathy of the community in their affliction.

Medical Examiner Irish examined the body of Mr. Taylor this morning, but at the time of going to press the death return had not been sent to him for his statement as to the cause of death.

"Well what will you sign the death return when it comes, doctor?" asked the reporter.

"I will sign it 'suicide,'" said Dr. Irish.

POOR WIFE'S PLEA

Supported a Family on $5.50 a Week

Nerves Gave Out and She Got Drunk—She Told Her Troubles to Judge Hadley and Was Placed on Probation

A woman who pleaded for release in the police court today said that she had taken a few drinks because she was tired and discouraged. "My husband is sick, your honor," she said, "and I have been supporting him for the last five months. I admit I was interfered, but it was the second time in all my life, and if you let me go I guarantee it will not happen again. I earn but $5.50 a week, so you see it would be impossible for me to spend very much money for drink." The woman was placed on probation.

This woman was a sample of the many varieties that appeared in the police court today. Great strong men pleaded for another chance and weak women asked that they be placed in the care of the probation officer.

James Kane was charged with being drunk in Chelmsford. So far as the place is concerned it made little difference to James, but in order to make the returns read clear the clerk said "Chelmsford." James said he was in the habit of taking a drink but that he had never been seen drunk about the village and he allowed that was a heap in his favor. It was charged against him that he did not work and that his wife supported him. In reply to this accusation he said that he helped his wife do the washings that she brought in. He was placed on probation and was given to understand that unless he puts his shoulder to the wheel and help to support his family he will have to take a trip to the state farm.

ABOUT THOSE POTATOES.

Two fellows bought a car load of potatoes from one Mr. Mcdonald a few days ago and because they did not do as they agreed they were taken to the police station.

One of them was arraigned a few days ago and the court ordered a continuance because the government did not have the case well in hand. Joseph St. Cyr was the first man arraigned and this morning Oliver Fournier was asked to plead to a complaint charging him with the larceny of the potatoes. He pleaded guilty and a settlement was arrived at.

OUT TYNGSBORO WAY.

Vincent Trembley was charged with drunkenness. Vincent didn't speak very good English and he told the court that "somebody come drive en him". The court was unable to interpret his speech and he was asked to repeat. "Somebody come push on me because I'll not be here. I'm work on the public library in Tyngsboro an' I'll go back on top the job, quick in hurr-ee." Vincent was ordered to pay a fine of $6.

OTHER DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Eight of the first offenders were released and four were fined $2 each. Margaret McGuigan was sentenced to the common jail for a term of three months and the same dose was dealt out to Chas. D. Connors. John Cunningham will spend the next three months at the common jail and Louis St. Cyr's address, for a while, will be the state farm. John McDonough, James D. Blodgett and William Martin and Peter J. Clune were fined $6 each.

LOOK OUT THERE!

Streets and Sidewalks are Treacherous

Ugh, bang, "kerslash," and the pretty girl in Merrimack square was lying in the street. She tried to get up in a hurry but the ice beneath her would not admit of a sudden rise and it required the assistance of two young men to place her on her feet. She was very much obliged to the young men and smiled sweetly from beneath a crushed hat and vagrant hair.

One of the young men raised his hat in recognition of the young lady's appreciation, and before he knew where he was at he too was cutting ungraceful figures in the street. His feet slipped away and he went tumbling down.

The rain was responsible for it all. Had the icy sidewalks been left alone suffering humanity would not have received so many hard bumps.

The rain made treacherous almost everything that it touched, and pedestrians had to pick their way from corner to corner. Rubbers were almost an absolute necessity and the one who turned a corner in a hurry was taking great chances.

Five women slipped and fell in Merrimack square inside of three minutes, and only two of them took their falls good naturedly. The other three thought the street department should have put sand on the sidewalk. They also blamed the conductor for not stopping his car when they first hailed him.

He said something about white posts and they gave him to understand that the white posts didn't cut any figure. The poor conductor was wet to the skin, but he had to grin and bear it. From all over the country the hope goes up that the rain will continue. The farmers have been praying for rain for the last two months. Their wells are dry, the swamps are dry and the country is sadly in need of a good big rain storm. The rivers and brooks are suffering and if the weather-wise fellows are to be believed we are in for a good soaking.

SCIENTISTS MEET.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—More than 1500 of the most learned scientists of the U. S. are in this city to attend the various meetings of the 54th convocation of the American association for the advancement of science, which began here today and will hold sessions until Friday.

Most of the visiting scientists are members of university and college faculties.

During the convocation forty scientists subsidiary to the national organization will hold meetings. All of the sessions will be held in the buildings of the university of Pennsylvania. The annual address will be delivered by Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, on Thursday night. The president of the association is Dr. W. C. Farlow of Harvard.

Have you a friend who has a hard cold?
Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it in the house. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors have known the formula for over sixty years. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

GAS LAMPS
Largest variety shown in Lowell. Low prices for Christmas trade. Over 50 styles to choose from
WELCH BROS.
61 and 63 Middle St.

EXTRA

THE INAGURAL

Mayor-Elect at Work on Message

THERE IS LITTLE TIME FOR FIGURES

The Fiscal Year Will Close Saturday

Mayor-elect James H. Casey was at city hall this morning and had a long talk with his honor Mayor Howe, relative to some important arrangements connected with the forthcoming inauguration. When seen by a reporter of The Sun, Mr. Casey said that the vacation of a few days spent at Washington and other points had done him all the good in the world. He was much fatigued after the campaign and needed the rest. Since his return he has devoted almost his entire time to work upon his inaugural address.

This year it will be especially difficult for the mayor-elect to get financial figures from the different departments as the time between the close of the financial or fiscal year and the commencement of the new year is very short, in fact only 24 hours. The fiscal year of all the city departments does not close until Saturday evening and the new business year begins the next morning. Thus it will be seen that the new mayor will have to work overtime if he desires to have the standing of the various departments footed up so as to set their respective standings before the city council in his first message. Mr. Casey said today that he would scarcely be able to give the matter a complete going over in the limited time put at his disposal. He will, however, give the departments a pretty thorough investigation between now and Monday.

AN ARREST MADE

Italian is Suspected of Murder

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The police of Jersey City have notified the Philadelphia authorities that they have arrested an Italian who says he is Louis Cabinello of Philadelphia. The Jersey City police had been asked to watch for the murderer of John Mulholland, a watchman, who was found dead in Philadelphia, yesterday, with his skull crushed and a bullet wound in his body.

Cabinello when stopped by a policeman had a bundle containing a shirt smeared with blood. A knife in his pocket was also blood-stained. He accounted for the blood by saying he had killed a chicken.

He was held on a charge of carrying a revolver which the police found on him.

BUTLER PORTRAIT

Placed in Mayors Reception Room

This morning it was definitely decided to place the portrait of the late General B. F. Butler, which arrived at city hall Saturday, in the reception room, until after the inauguration exercises. The portrait, a beautiful work of art, and an exact likeness of the old warrior, has been placed upon a large easel in the northwest corner of the room and immediately overhanging this position are the portraits of three of Lowell's ex-mayors and this will indeed make a very celebrated corner for the picture of Lowell's great statesman, for while alive and in the early life of the city these four men, whose portraits hang in what will hereafter be known as "heroes' corner," did much to build up the city and educate the early settlers.

Of the three ex-mayors Major Chas. A. Stott is the only one now in this life. He was mayor of the city in '76 and '77. The others are Elisha Huntington, in whose honor Huntington hall was named, who presided over the destinies of the city in 1839, '40, '41, '45, '52, '56 and '58. James H. B. Ayer is the other ex-mayor and he was in the office in '55. All of these men were the intimate acquaintances of the lamented general and in their company his portrait will hold an honored position.

THE ALDERMEN

Regular Meeting Slated for Tonight

COPELAND FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

$36,000 Loan Order Will Pass

The board of aldermen will meet in regular session this evening, and take up the matter of borrowing the $36,000 recommended by the committee on appropriations at their last meeting. This amount is needed, so the heads of departments say, to piece out the various appropriations which are now in a financially embarrassed state. Some of the aldermen do not take kindly to such a large loan at the end of the year and threaten to kick over the traces and vote against the resolution. The majority of the board, however, seem to be in favor of borrowing the sum of money.

It is also stated that the mayor will again send in the nomination of Chas. Copeland as a cemetery trustee and in addition thereto the name of Robert Mountford will also be submitted for a second term as a cemetery trustee. Mr. Mountford's term expires the first of the year, and Mr. Copeland, if confirmed will take John Stevens' place, who is now a hold-over. No other business of importance will come before the board except the salary list.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

MEET WEDNESDAY, MAYOR HOWE WILL PRESIDE.

The cemetery trustees will hold their last regular meeting of the year Wednesday evening. Mayor Howe will have a parting word to say to the members relative to the manner in which business has been transacted during the year, and will give some useful hints for future trustees. The bills of the month will come up for approval.

SPANISH WAR VETS.

General Ames camp, Spanish War Veterans, will meet in Memorial hall this evening to elect officers. A large attendance is expected.

WANTED—To buy hard wood or slab on lot in the country. H. I. Willard, 22 Concord st.

After January First

Rooms No. 2 and No. 3, Associate Building, lately occupied by the Red, White and Blue Stamp Co., will be to rent. Applications for same may be made to the janitor.
H. J. KEYES.

The Central Savings Bank
58 Central St.
Deposits, - - - - $4,020,626.77
Surplus, - - - - 242,757.83
Interest begins quarterly.
C. W. WHIDDEN, Treas.

LADIES! LADIES!
NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS—Pipes, (Briar and Meerschaum), Cigars, etc., direct from factory. No jobber's profit. Lady clerks. Three stores.
BUCKLEY BROS.
31 CENTRAL STREET.
3 Fletcher St., 3 Mammoth Road.

GOOD NEW YEAR'S PRESENT
A Savings Book in name of Child.
START SAVING HABIT
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
Traders' National Bank
Interest Begins Jan. 3rd
Hours—8 a. m. till 4 p. m. Saturdays, 8 a. m. till 1 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m.

Your dealer has this superior brand in stock and he realizes that they are "A Little Better Than Any Other"
C. C. A.
UNION MADE
10c CIGARS
C. C. A. CIGAR CO., - - BOSTON

LATEST

TO BREAK BANK

Lord Anglesey's Game at Monte Carlo

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Friends of the Marquis of Anglesey and the gambling set who spend their winters trying "systems" against the roulette wheels run by the Prince of Monaco, are deeply interested in the latest attempt to "break the bank at Monte Carlo" by the marquis backed by a syndicate.

They recall the spectacular campaign of the Earl of Rosslyn two years ago, when that nobleman went to Monte Carlo with $103,000 supplied by capitalists and having in his possession the famous "system" invented by his brother, Fitzroy Erskine. Rosslyn lasted just thirty-six days, playing his system with great care and skill assisted by three understudies because the mental labor was too great to be sustained by one man longer than two hours at a time. His fate was predicted by all familiar with the history of system play at Monte Carlo.

The speculation regarding the Marquis of Anglesey is based wholly on the length of time his money will last. No one here takes his efforts seriously enough to argue or bet on the likelihood of his winning. Nevertheless the marquis is armed with a very remarkable system. Of course it will be bettered when he returns to London. That is the result of all systems. The attempt to play them out always develops certain inherent defects that have to be remedied after the system has been tried for any length of time. No system has ever been made good enough, however, to cause the Prince of Monaco any serious worry.

INVENTS HIS OWN SYSTEM.

The marquis has gone to Monte Carlo with a system he invented. This is why his friends laugh. The marquis is a young man whose efforts heretofore has been devoted largely to designing the female costumes in which he appears in comic operas given by himself in his country house.

It is believed that his system has even a poorer chance than the Earl of Rosslyn's who took to Monte Carlo with him the "Fitzroy" system of his brother. That was regarded by veterans of the great gambling resort as the only improvement ever made upon the D'Alembert system.

Friends of the Marquis of Anglesey say that his system is nothing more than an inferior development of the D'Alembert system. In this system, as in all systems, it has been discovered that it would work perfectly and would afford a number of earnest students steady incomes but for two annoying factors.

One of these is the zero, which must be counted upon with mathematical regularity to aid the bank on an average of 27 times in 10,000 coups.

The other broken link in any system is the fact that a color is likely to run from nine to nineteen times in succession, and then, after a short break start out and run long enough in the same way to make the player color blind.

These things ruined the Earl of Rosslyn's chances, and they are what are depended upon by the bank to ruin the chances of any system player. The greatest system in roulette is that made possible by the zeros and the long runs of a single color.

D'ALEMBERT'S FAMOUS SYSTEM.

D'Alembert (Jean le Rond) invented his famous system in the eighteenth century. He was a famous geometrician, and is believed to have applied his law of equilibrium to roulette after having spent considerable time in studying the manuscript of a system devised by John Law, the author of the great Mississippi Scheme of the early part of the eighteenth century. D'Alembert said this:

"Let us stake always on the same color, adding one to our stake after each loss and deducting one from our previous stake after each win. Suppose we start by losing five times in succession; we shall have lost 1 plus 2 plus 3 plus 4 plus 5 equals 15; then, suppose we win five times in succession, establishing the equilibrium; we shall have won 6 plus 5 plus 4 plus 3 plus 2 equals 20, showing a net gain of five units for ten bets."

Lord Rosslyn's system varied from that of D'Alembert in that it was twice as violent, adding one after each win as well as after each loss, until the sum of all his previous losses plus one unit is wiped out.

Just how much money is back of the Marquis of Anglesey is not known, but it is believed to be $50,000, subscribed by believers in his system. He arrived at Monte Carlo yesterday and will start play probably today.

CHADWICK TRUNK

Has Been Located by the Receiver

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Contrary to expectations, the inquiry in connection with the Chadwick receivership case was not resumed today. Receiver Loeser said that nothing more would be done in the matter for several days.

"We have definitely located the trunk and satchel that were taken from the Holland house in New York," said Mr. Loeser today, "and they will be brought here within a day or two. Aside from wearing apparel there is, I understand, little of value in either the trunk or the satchel."

Continuing, Mr. Loeser said: "We had intended today to examine Henry Wurst, the Elyria, Ohio, jeweler, who holds about $20,000 worth of Mrs. Chadwick's jewels as security for a loan. Wurst has made a full statement of just what he holds, however, and expressed his willingness to surrender them when ever the loan is made good.

The jewels will be apprised later, but my impression is that they are worth no more than the sum advanced by Wurst to Mrs. Chadwick."

WAS DESPONDENT

Well Known Model Committed Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Despondent because his wife, from whom he had been legally separated, declined to return to him, and because he had been unable to earn sufficient money to support himself and his four children, Dominic Faruane, an exceedingly handsome man; for more than a score of years one of the best known models in this city, committed suicide today. He was 33 years old.

THREE MAYORS

CAUSE TROUBLE IN AN OHIO TOWN.

MARION, O., Dec. 27.—the village of Waldo, this county, has more than its share of mayors. In fact, it has mayors to burn.

In the Spring of 1903 Benjamin Corbin was elected mayor. He qualified and served for a time and then went south. As provided by the code, the president of the village council, O. S. Anthony, assumed the duties of the office. After several months Corbin returned, but made no effort to resume his duties, and Anthony kept on acting. At the last election David Bauer was elected mayor. He is now holding the office.

As Corbin's term will not expire for a number of months, he is still mayor. If he does not care to act, Anthony, as president of the council, might legally hold the office, but the legal lights who have been consulted by the villages hold that Bauer is utterly without rights.

FUNERALS

PINDAR—The funeral of the late Bridget Pindar took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from her late home, 150 High street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased including a large number from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I.

The choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian mass, and during the service appropriate selections were rendered by the different members of the choir.

The bearers were Messrs. William Gorgan, John Devlin, Edward, Frank and John McQuade and John Gorgan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Thomas J. McDermott.

LOSS IS HEAVY

LONDON SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE FOG.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The conditions prevailing among the shipping in the Thames for nearly a week on account of the fog were considerably improved today. Much of the produce intended for the London Christmas market was unloaded. The loss, however, through its late arrival aggregates several hundred thousands of pounds sterling. The American meat, Russian poultry and shipments of fish deteriorated in value about $1,400,000. Several collisions of a more or less serious nature have occurred.

SEEKS FIANCE

AGED MAN IS UNABLE TO FIND HER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Isaac Smith, 79 years old, and veteran of two wars, is worried over the possible blighting of his romance. Stepping from a train in the Grand Central station last evening, the aged man looked eagerly for a greeting. From his coat lapel a long, white ribbon dangled and he held conspicuously in his hand a large blue envelope.

For a half hour the septuagenarian wandered about the station. Finally he approached Policeman Coleman.

"Haven't seen a lady carrying a white envelope and a blue ribbon about here lately, have you?" he inquired.

The answer being disappointing, he told his troubles to the policeman. He said he served through the Mexican and Civil wars and had accumulated considerable property. Four years ago his wife died.

WANT A RECEIVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Application for the appointment of a receiver for the National Asphalt company was made before vice-chancellor Stevenson at Jersey City today by Charles Corbin, representing the Land Title and Trust company of Philadelphia. It is alleged that the Asphalt company is insolvent. The vice-chancellor made an order to show cause, returnable on January 23.

TOO MUCH MOUTH

COST SHINE FOUR YEARS OF LIBERTY.

OAKLAND, Dec. 27.—Edw. Shine has learned it is sometimes better not to talk too freely. He was sentenced to serve four years at Folsom for burglary because he admitted his guilt after the district attorney had decided to dismiss the charge against him for lack of evidence. He had already been tried on the charge, and the jury disagreed.

Shine's accomplice, Charles Monaghan, had already pleaded guilty to the crime for which they were both arrested, and was sentenced to serve three years at Folsom. Monaghan having shouldered the burden of the crime and the evidence against Shine being weak, the district attorney had decided to dismiss the charge against the latter, as it did not appear that he could be convicted.

Shine then made a mistake fatal to his chance for liberty. When informed that the district attorney had decided to dismiss the case against him Shine laughed and said to Chief Jailer Harry A. Clark: "That is a good joke, for I am the one who was really guilty, Monaghan only assisted me." Shine expressed his joy too soon, for Jailer Clark informed the district attorney of his admission of guilt. The district attorney then changed his mind about dismissing the charge. Upon learning that he must again be tried for his crime, Shine decided to end the matter by pleading guilty.

COST HIM $50

BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT DRINK TO YOUNG COUPLE'S HEALTH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The arraignment of Thomas Carlo of 24 Center street, Jersey City, in the first criminal court, that city, yesterday for assault and battery on complaint of his wife, Margaret, was a sequel to his refusal to drink to the health of his young stepdaughter and her husband, Dominick Omega, at their wedding supper a few nights ago.

Omega and the girl were married at the city hall last Thursday by the Rev. Edward F. Crowen, a Methodist preacher, who is a clerk in Chief Engineer Van Keuren's office. Carlo wouldn't recognize the marriage because it had not been performed by a clergyman of his church. He got very mad about it and expressed himself freely at a family gathering which was held to celebrate the event a night or two later.

Omega insisted that the ceremony suited him exactly and politely asked his stepfather-in-law to drink a toast in beer. Carlo said he wouldn't, and chased Omega into the street. Omega got his nerve back and returned. He said he came for his bride. Carlo promptly pulled a big duelling pistol. One of the guests grabbed his arm.

Omega seized his wife in the excitement and hustled her out of the house, Mrs. Carlo, who sympathized with her daughter, followed them to the door to resist any flank movement.

Then she went to Justice of the Peace Frank P. Lehane and swore out a warrant for her husband's arrest. She produced in court yesterday the big pistol which he had attempted to draw and told the story of the wedding supper. Police Justice Higgins fined Carlo $50.

Mrs. Carlo said she was done with her husband forever and would seek separation.

BISHOP TUTTLE

WILL PRESENT THE CHARGES AGAINST BISHOP TALBOT.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—As Senior Bishop of the Episcopal church, Presiding Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle of St. Louis has directly to do with the presentment of charges against the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. The charges were filed before Bishop Tuttle two weeks ago, and he in turn appointed the board of inquiry which will meet in Reading, Pa., on Jan. 10.

"Libellous falsification" is the way in which the charges are summarized by Bishop Tuttle, who, after reading the presentment, appointed the board, to be composed of eight clergymen and an equal number of laymen. The presentment was immediately sent to the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity church, New York, who will be dean of the body.

"Being the senior bishop, the charges were presented to me," said Bishop Tuttle today, "and after reading them I immediately began forming the board of inquiry. It is to meet in Reading in a couple of weeks. I have sent the presentment to Dr. Dix, who will preside over the board, which in comparison is practically the same as a grand jury.

"If the boards find the charges to be true or indicative of being true, then the case will be tried according to the laws of the church. There can be no appeal from the latter proceedings.

"So far as remembering any of the direct charges I cannot, but I would say in general that they could be summed up as libellous falsification. I have not the slightest idea what findings the board will make, and the jurisdiction passed from my hands when I appointed the board."

TOBACCO GROWERS

ARE WELL PLEASED WITH THE STORM.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27.—Although today's storm of sleet and rain caused some delay to traffic on both trolley and steam lines, the downpour was generally hailed with satisfaction by manufacturers and farmers in Connecticut. The drought of the last month has reduced the streams of the state noticeably making it necessary for some mills to run on short time, while stock farmers were also greatly inconvenienced. It is hoped the present storm will go far toward alleviating the conditions of affairs. To the tobacco farm districts along the Connecticut valley and about New Milford in the western part of the state, the storm also promises to be of great value by the "damping" of the year's crop.

It is estimated that the tobacco crop in this state which must await the curing process before the farmers can deliver it at the wholesale warehouse and receive their pay, is worth in excess of $500,000.

WAS ELECTROCUTED

WEALTHY OIL OPERATOR VICTIM OF PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

LIMA, O., Dec. 27.—J. W. Grafin, one of the wealthiest oil operators in this city, and vice president of the Lima Trust Company, was accidentally electrocuted in his bath room here today by standing on a register and touching an electric light chandelier with his hands.

SEIZED BY PANTHER

Infant Carried a Mile Into the Forest

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 27.—A mile ride through a forest in the jaws of a panther is a remarkable adventure for a two-year-old baby to survive, but Marie Ambrozini is none the worse for it. During the weeks succeeding the incident no internal injuries have developed. It is a singular fact that little Marie was not even bruised while cradled in the jaws of the beast that had stolen her for a noonday meal.

In the Bean River section of Humboldt County, the Ambrozinis have their home on Dublin Heights. Hanging on the wall is a gun, for danger lurks in four-footed guise in the forest. Not thinking that any harm would come to the baby while she went to the rear garden to gather some vegetables for her husband's dinner. Mrs. Ambrozini one day left little Marie playing in front of the house.

Suddenly a frightful scream pierced the stillness. The mother ran forward. The yard was empty. But the father in the dairy near by had heard that cry. Rushing from the shed he saw a panther plunging into the forest with his child's clothing in its jaws.

Ambrozini dared not to stop to get the gun, lest he lost sight of the panther. He gave chase, snatching a heavy stick as he ran. For almost a mile the beast crashed through the underbrush with its prize. The baby was heavy and hindered its captor. Finally letting fall its load, the panther skulked away.

Ambrozini picked up the baby girl. Two bright black eyes flashed into his own. A little hand reached upward in playful appeal. A voice piped like bird notes in the wooded silence. Marie laughed into the anxious face above her.

RAILROAD RATES

Matter Discussed by the President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—President Roosevelt embraced the opportunity today to take up with the members of the cabinet many questions of detail in departmental administration the semi weekly meeting of the cabinet being longer than usual. At the conclusion of the meeting the members of the cabinet said that little business of serious importance was considered.

After other members of the cabinet had left the executive offices, Attorney General Moody discussed with the president some phases of the railroad freight rate question.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	141¾
Am Sugar pfd	138½
A & T	86½
A & T pfd	101¾
B & O	101
B & O pfd	95¾
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	61
Chi & Gt W	22¾
C M St & P	170¾
C R & P	35¾
C R & P pfd	85⅝
Con Gas	200¾
Del & Hud	187
Erie R R	37⅜
Erie 1st	74¾
Gen Elect	186½
Manhat Con	164¾
Mo Kan & Tex	30½
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	63
*Met St Ry	120¾
*Mis Pac	106¾
N Y Cen	145
N Y Ont & W	40¾
Penn	137⅞
People's Gas	106¾
So Pac	64¾
Reading	78⅜
Reading pfd	90½
Reading 2d pfd	82¾
Tex & Pac	34¾
Union Pac	111⅝
Union Pac pfd	97
U S Steel	29⅝
U S Steel pfd	92¾
Wabash	21⅞
Wabash pfd	43¼
W U Telegraph	92⅝
U S Leather	14½
U S Leather pfd	101⅝

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	5
Amalgamated	69¾
American Wool	21½
American Wool pfd	94¼
Am Tel & Tel	147¾
Arcadia	1¾
Atlantic	16
Anaconda	29
Anaconda	106
Allouez	18½
B & Maine	173
Bingham	33¾
Boston	6⅛
Calumet & Hecla	628
Centennial	23¼
Chicago Junction	151½
Chicago Junction pfd	127
Copper Range	65
Dom Steel	17¼
Dom Coal	63½
Daly-West	12¾
Elm River	2¼
Elevated	153½
Fitchburg	141
Franklin	11
Granby	5⅛
Greene	25⅛
Mass	9
Mass Ga	38¼
Mass Gas pfd	80½
Mass Electric	13½
Mass Electric pfd	57½
Mayflower	1
Mex Cen	20¼
Michigan	9
M C & C	5
Mohawk	43
N E Tel	137
Osceola	92
N Y N H & H R R	197¾
Old Colony Mine	1¼
Old Colony R R	205
Old Dominion	25½
Shannon	8½
Royal	26¼
Rhode Island	1½
Tamarack	118
Tennessee	37⅞
Parrott	26½
Quincy	106
Sante Fe	2¼
Trinity	8¾
United States	24¾
United States Oil	11
Utah	41¾
Victoria	4½
Winona	11½
Wolverin	105
Western Tel	20½
Western Tel pfd	100
West End	92
West End pfd	113
Wyandotte	2

*Ex-Dividend.

PARKER'S DEATH

Caused by Drowning Says Medical Examiner

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 27.—Medical Examiner Joseph Pinkham, who performed an autopsy here on the body of Horace Parker of Peabody, found on Nahant beach, December 13, states that death was caused by drowning. Other findings in the case have been sent to District Attorney W. Scott Peters of Essex county, who ordered the autopsy. The facts will be furnished to officers of the state police, who are endeavoring to determine whether Parker committed suicide, the general theory, or was a victim of foul play. Just before Parker disappeared from Peabody, three or four days before the finding of his body, he claimed that on a previous visit to Lynn he was followed by two men, who acted in a suspicious manner.

AT NAVAL ACADEMY

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 27.—The naval academy authorities discovered that preparations for the drinking of a large amount of intoxicants during the Christmas holidays had been made by some of the midshipmen, the liquor to be obtained through academy attendants. Watchmen were placed at the gates to inspect persons coming in and were successful in finding considerable quantities of liquor which was confiscated. A quantity was smuggled in, however, and several banquets were interrupted in different quarters. As a result, the prison ship, Santee, is full of offending midshipmen and three have been recommended for dismissal by Commandant Charles J. Badger.

JUMPED TO DEATH

Young Woman's Body is Not Identified

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A suit case bearing the stencilled mark "Lancaster, Pa., may lead to the identity of the young woman who jumped to death from a third story window of a lodging house in West Forty-Sixth street last night. She had been at the house only a few hours before her death and nothing was known about her beyond the fact that she said her name was Cecil Hall. When the police searched her room today they found the marked suit case. This and an unmarked case which also had been brought to the house by the young woman, was filled with clothing. In the marked case were found several articles of underwear bearing the initials C. A. and a man's suit of good quality, marked "Mogazya Franciszki, Warshawie, Electora Bib, No. 3."

A man's overcoat bore the card of a local tailor and the name "Mr Hooy, April 22, 1903." Other articles of men's clothing bore the mark "J. H."

A further search of the articles found in the suit case, disclosed other distinguishing marks, which the police believe will aid in determining the identity of the dead woman. The police believe that both the woman and the man whose clothing was found in the cases belonged in Washington, D. C. In a pocket of one of the vests they found cards inscribed "Ray Club, Washington, D. C."; "George Durant, 117 East 127th street," and "Harry J. Flood, 117 Hamilton."

The police believe that the marks on the Washington man's clothing show that it was bought in Warsaw, Poland.

DAVID AND ADAMS.

Albert W. Davis, the assistant superintendent of the U. S. Cartridge Co., and Representative Cecil L. Adams are the most prominent candidates for chairman of the republican city committee. James G. Hill, Esq., the present chairman, has held the position for two years and has decided that this is sufficient and now that his party controls both branches of the city government he thinks his position in the office of city solicitor would be about right for him.

AT THE CASTO.

A cure for the blues is the current program at the Casto, and Monday's audiences crowded the cosy theatre. The bill is one that will please all for it is brimful of good, bright comedy, and that is what the Casto patrons desire. Allen Doone and company head the programme in their delightful playlet entitled "The Irish Piper" which is without doubt the best act of the kind ever presented at this theatre. Manager Haynes has displayed fine judgment in the selection of this act and its companions this week. Mr. Doone possesses a clear, sweet tenor voice which is heard to excellent advantage in Tom Moore's favorite melodies and he sings with a clearness and distinctness which is uncommon.

Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone 815-4.

BURNED TO CRISP

Man Did Not Know His Legs Were on Fire

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—A victim of one of the most peculiar accidents that could happen, Robert L. Morris, well known in the vicinity of Woodland and Wilson Avenues, is dead. Morris was a contracting painter, and on August 16, 1901, while working on a building on Stanwood road, he with three other men, was thrown to the ground by the breaking of a scaffold. The fall was about fourteen feet, but Morris landed on his back, breaking it. He was picked up for dead.

He was taken to Charity hospital, and for three months lingered between life and death, finally recovering, though he was paralyzed from the hips down. It is this feature that makes the most peculiar angle to his story.

For two years he tried every known means to overcome the paralysis that was gradually creeping over him. Morris realized that unless he could stop the advance of the disease he would die, so he took heroic methods. His last effort was to secure a bath cabinet, a rubber affair that would cover him entirely except for his head. Inside this tent arrangement was an oil stove to furnish the heat that was necessary.

About three weeks ago he lit the stove as usual and was assisted under the covering. He said he was all right and was left alone. He was alone for thirty minutes, and when his attendant came back into the room he was perfectly comfortable.

An odor of burning flesh and a slight volume of smoke creeping from underneath the tent-like covering told the attendant different. The cover was pulled off, and it was discovered that the oil stove blazed up and that both of the cripple's legs were burned to crisp. For fully thirty minutes Morris had been sitting in the cabinet without any realization of what was taking place under the cover.

Both his legs from ankles down were so badly burned that blood poisoning resulted, and his death ensued after two weeks of suffering.

THE CANAL ZONE

U. S. Laws Are Not Applicable There

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—In an opinion rendered today by Frank L. Campbell, Asst. attorney general for the interior department, it is held that the laws of the United States are not applicable to the canal zone. The canal zone is described in the opinion as not being an organized territory of the United States and the opinion says that there is no provision in the treaty with Panama or the laws or regulations making the laws of the United States generally applicable.

The question at issue was whether or not the patent or trademark extended to the canal zone. This as held is not the case, the opinion taking in the whole subject of the application of the laws of the United States generally to the canal zone.

WILL NOT STRIKE

Boston & Northern Reinstates Motorman

LYNN, Dec. 27—The Boston and Northern street railway management has reinstated Motorman George A. Rose, who is also president of the street railway union. This ends the danger of a strike that was threatened last week when Rose was discharged. The company said Rose was laid off for missing a trip, while the union declared it was discrimination against the organization. Last Thursday night meetings of the union resulted in appointment of a committee to demand the re-instatement of Rose. The company today acceded to the request.

DECISION RESERVED

MINORITY STOCKHOLDERS OBJECT TO FITCH AS TRUSTEE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—After hearing objections by representatives of the minority stockholders to the election of Ashbel F. Fitch as trustee of the bankrupt firm of Jacob Berry & Co., stock brokers, Stanley W. Dexter, referee in bankruptcy, reserved today his decision. The minority creditors alleged that Mr. Fitch had been chosen wrongfully and that inasmuch as he had been the assignee of Berry & Co., his election as trustee was unfair to the creditors. In presenting the case, the representative of the minority creditors stated that the assets of the bankrupt firm were only $64,000 while the liabilities would exceed $750,000.

He believed that the trustee should furnish a $50,000 bond. Referee Dexter wanted to refer the entire question to Judge Holt of the U. S. district court, but the minority creditors remonstrated and he finally said that he would announce his decision later. Mr. Dexter explained that in event of his arriving at a decision against Mr. Fitch, it would not mean that Edward S. Thomas, the candidate of the minority stockholders would become trustee, but that a new election would be made necessary.

TIME TO SPEAK

Russian Paper on Naval Conditions

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27—In an outspoken reply to a recent letter of Admiral Birileff, which appealed to the Russians not to openly criticize the condition of the navy, the Russ today declares the time is passed for silence in view of the fact that the "Old system of concealing facts is responsible for the loss of $150,000,000 roubles worth of warships and has covered us with shame and grief. It would be absurd to hide the defects that can still be repaired in the ships which remain at Cronstadt and Libeau. We have already criminally wasted enough time."

The Russ enumerates the defects in the ships still in Russian waters, averring that the "Peculiarities of structure of several of the vessels destined for the Far East make the voyage dangerous and the torpedo boats are in such a shocking condition, that it is a matter of surprise that the authorities accepted their delivery. Torpedo boats intended to reinforce Vice Admiral Rojestvensky must clearly not be dispatched with the numerous defects which have been proved to exist in them."

In conclusion, the Russ says:

"Even if Admiral Rojestvensky is a clever leader and his 12,000 comrades are heroic sailors everyone knows that we have imposed on them an almost superhuman task in consequence of our not being furnished with a true account of the gravity of the events which have occurred since the fatal night of February 8."

MAKE DEMAND FOR AMMUNITION

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—The Russian officials here demanded of the Chinese foreign office yesterday the restitution of the 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition apparently destined for Port Arthur, seized by the Chinese authorities at Fengtai, near here, four days ago. The Russians assert that the ammunition was intended only for the legation guard.

It is learned at the foreign office that the Chinese intend taking a strong stand in view of the frequent attempts to smuggle arms and ammunition. The bales of wool containing the cartridges seized at Fengtai were consigned to an European resident of Pekin who is now at Tien-Tsin taking part in the investigation into the affair.

SENDING OUT INVITATIONS.

John C. King and several other clerks are very busy in sending out invitations for the inaugural exercises. It is said that Mayor-elect Casey will keep up the good work of inviting about everybody in the city to these exercises. The great trouble experienced in these matters is to be careful to get all the faithful upon the preferred list, else there will be murmurings of discontent.

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USED BIG KNIFE

Serious Stabbing in Sullivan's Court

Pole Slashed in Throat and Body by Compatriot—His Assailant Went Down by Blow From Officer's Club

Patrolman George Marshall took chances Sunday evening and won. He fired his club at a fellow who was wanted for assault with a knife. The club struck the fugitive in the back of the head and he went down and out. The stabbing took place at Frank Tiblosk'i's boarding house, 6 Sullivan's court, off Fenwick street. George Szat of Richmond avenue and Andrew Pitchotek who makes his home any place he hangs his hat, engaged in an altercation over religion and after the wanderer got through using his knife Szat was sent to the hospital bleeding from ugly gashes on his neck, face and legs.

The stabbing was done in the presence of two men and one woman but the stabber was not interfered with until he had satisfied his greed for gore and when the police went to the house to investigate the case they found that the witnesses of the affair were not disposed to talk and it was only after threatening to take them all to the police station that they decided to tell how it happened.

Andre Biedron's wife told the story. She said that the two men had been quarreling about religion and that Pitchotek was the first to show fight. He grabbed Szat and pushed him down on a lounge, drew a long knife from his hip pocket and slashed Szat in the neck, face and legs. The cutting was not reported to the police for nearly an hour after it occurred and before the ambulance arrived to take the wounded man to the hospital he was very weak from loss of blood.

Officers on their beats were told to be on the lokout for Pitchotek and at about 11.30 last night Patrolman George Marshall came upon the fellow in Middlesex street. Pitchotek saw the officer and ran away. The officer gave chase and when near the rear of the Fiske block he threw his club at Pitchotek. The club struck the running man squarely in the back of the head and he was knocked down. It took him but a few moments, however, to collect his scattered senses and when he did he showed fight. Officer Marshall held him until Sergt. Crowley and other officers went to his assistance.

Pitchotek was fleeing from Sergt. Crowley and Special Officer Regis when brought down by Officer Marshall's club. Sergt. Crowley and Special Officer Regis followed Pitchotek to Williams street and saw him enter a house. The officers burst in the door and while so doing Pitchotek made his escape through a back window.

The man dashed into Central street with Sergt. Crowley a close second. The sergeant, however, was handicapped by the amount of clothes he wore and the fugitive got away from him and when it came Officer Marshall's time to act he threw his club with telling effect. Pitchotek came to Lowell from New York a few weeks ago and his compatriots in this city claim not to know very much about him.

Another arrest was made Sunday afternoon in connection with Sunday night's stabbing affray when Inspector Maher and Warrant Officer Bumps went to Frank Tiblosky's boardinghouse and arrested a young Pole by the name of John Slamie, aged 21, on a charge of assault. When the man was taken to the station he was placed under $300 bonds but soon found a brother Pole to go security for his appearance in court this morning.

Yesterday morning when the victim of the assault had regained consciousness and learned that his assailant had been captured, he informed the attendant at the hospital that the man under arrest was not the only one who gave him a pummelling, but alleged that while he was laying on the floor suffering from his wounds, Slamie pounced upon him and applied several blows to his face and body.

In police court today Pitchotek was ordered to recognize in the sum of $1000 for his appearance before the court one week from today.

John Slamie who was also arrested in connection with the assault at Tiblesky's boarding-house was charged with assault and battery and his case was continued.

UP GOES THE PAY

The Registrars May Get $200 a Year More

THE SALARY COMMITTEE VOTES THAT SUM

Fish Warden's Salary Restored

The committee on salaries met in City Hall at 9.30 o'clock this morning with Councilmen Cheney, Baldwin and Mahoney and Alderman Hill present. The committee was called to order by chairman Cheney and immediately began a review of their work of last week, when they voted to increase the salary of the board of registrars $50 and cut down the salary of the fish warden to $25 per year.

The salary of the fish warden was restored to $40 per year as at present and the salary of the board of registrars was increased $200, thus making the salary of the members $750 per year, and the chairman $800. No other business was transacted.

FIRE ON OSGOOD STREET.

A lively fire broke out in a small building in Osgood street occupied by Gordon C. Bixby, in the manufacture of Salt-O-Nuts, shortly before five o'clock yesterday morning. The fire, while it did not do a great deal of damage, threatened many buildings in the vicinity and for a time the firemen had a hard task on their hands. The cause of the fire is a mystery to Chief Hosmer, and although theory that it was of incendiary origin has been advanced, he does not think that the fire was set.

This wooden building is about 18 by 12 feet and about a story high and is in the rear of a dwelling house, the entire property belonging to Mr. Jessie G. Bixby, the father of the young man who makes the nuts.

The fire was discovered shortly before five o'clock yesterday morning by a paper boy who happened to be passing through the street. The boy notified the people in the house and then went and pulled in an alarm from box 86 located at the corner of School and Liberty street. In the mean time Gordon Bixby arose from bed and when the fire pieces of apparatus were coming through the street he had opened the door of the workshop.

When the firemen arrived the whole interior of the place was ablaze, though when Mr. Bixby burst into the nut works, the boxes piled in the upper half-story were burning fiercely, although there was very little flame on the ground floor. Once the department got its hose pumping water into the place, every burning, living ember was quenched.

Although there was an oil heater in the building, it is not believed the fire originated from that.

Chief Hosmer is undecided as to what caused the fire but does not believe that it was of incendiary origin for everything was locked up tight. The fire may lead to an investigation. The loss will probably be about $150.

SLIGHT FIRE IN SUN OFFICE.

A slight fire occurred in The Sun building Monday forenoon. Some fat fell upon a hot stove in Putnam's dining room and the blaze went up a ventilator shaft, setting the wood work on fire. The janitor discovered the blaze just in time and did splendid work with the emergency hose. A still alarm was sent in and the firemen found the blaze creeping along the air space between the ceiling and roof and had to pull down part of the ceiling to get at the hidden flame. The loss will not be heavy.

EARL OF SUFFOLK

Weds Miss Daisy Leiter in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Miss Margaret Hyde Leiter, the third and youngest daughter of the late Levi Z. and Mrs. Mary T. Carver Leiter, was married at noon yesterday at her home to Henry Molyneaux Paget Howard, the 19th earl of Suffolk and Berkshire.

The bride of yesterday was known to all her intimates as "Daisy" Leiter, and was very popular in society here and abroad.

The earl and his bride left immediately after the wedding for New York, and will sail on Wednesday on the steamship Baltic for England.

The ceremony was performed in the main dwelling room of the Leiter home, the same in which Miss Leiter's sister was married to Major Colin Campbell only a few weeks ago. Rev. Roland Cotton Smith of St. John's Episcopal church performed the ceremony, which was witnessed only by the immediate members of the Leiter family and two or three friends of the earl.

The family is in mourning because of the recent death of Mr. Leiter, and while the sombre mourning gowns were temporarily laid aside for the wedding they were immediately resumed after it.

The decorations consisted of white flowers and green foliage, with here and there a touch of holly and mistletoe.

Joseph Leiter, as the head of the family, gave his sister in marriage. She had no attendants. She carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Her wedding dress was simply made of heavy white satin and lace. The tulle veil was held in place by a diamond tiara, a present from the earl. It is the bride's intention to wear this gown when presented to the queen in the spring. The earl of Suffolk was attended by Hon. Lionel Guest of England.

The earl will take his bride to Charlton park, a most beautiful estate of 10,000 acres, which is now presided over by the groom's mother, the countess of Suffolk, and his two sisters. The bride's marriage portion was something over $2,000,000, and it is likely that this may be largely increased.

Miss Leiter met the earl of Suffolk while in India at the coronation of her brother-in-law, Lord Curzon. She has always been very fond of outdoor sports, is an excellent cross country rider, and was a member of the hunting parties which were arranged during her stay in India.

The earl of Suffolk is a democratic nobleman, an ardent sportsman, and was an aide-de-camp on the staff of Lord Curzon for several years. He is popular and has been several times in America.

HELD IN $5000

Booth Bound Over for Killing Parkinson

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 27—Frederick W. Booth, the young man taken into custody on Saturday night for killing John Parkinson in a fight resulting from a dispute over a game of dice, was arraigned before Justice J. J. McDonough in the second district court this morning for alleged manslaughter and also for assault and battery upon Parkinson. The defendant was represented by Attorney C. R. Cummings who entered a plea of not guilty to both complainants and signified readiness for trial.

The government was likewise ready for trial and immediately produced eleven witnesses. Only three, however, were called, their evidence being deemed sufficient to warrant holding the defendant for the superior court.

He was ordered held on the charge of manslaughter, the assault and battery complaint being not prossed. The bail was fixed at $5000.

STARVED TO DEATH

Little Girl Neglected Herself to Care for Children

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The celebration in New York of the glad Christmas-tide was not without its pathetic features, and many sad cases come to the attention of the authorities.

A neatly dressed young woman was found unconscious on a bench in Riverside drive yesterday. The drifting snow had partially hidden her from view. The girl died before reaching a hospital. The ambulance surgeon was of the opinion that death resulted from long exposure without nourishment. It is believed that she wandered all Christmas day and night until she sank down to die in plain sight of some of the finest drives in New York.

Nine-year-old Jeannette McCoy of East 102d street whose father was ill and unable to work, has been caring for her young brothers and sisters while her mother supported the family by washing and scrubbing. Yesterday the little girl, worn out by her efforts, was taken to a hospital where it was found she was suffering from diphtheria and a few hours later she was dead. The physicians said she had literally starved herself to death in her endeavors to keep the other four children alive.

Two brutal hold-ups, one of which may result in the death of George Sasson, took up the attention of the Brooklyn police yesterday. Sasson was set upon in the street by three men who struck him with a baseball bat, fracturing his skull.

The footpads were frightened away while in the act of robbing the man.

Alexander Maslwyoke and Angelo Westrik of Brooklyn, were severely beaten by highwaymen and robbed of $100 in Brooklyn.

A fire in an Allen street house early yesterday, following a Christmas celebration, caused the death of two women and the serious injury of two women and a man.

Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of Caesar Young, passed a gloomy Christmas in the Tombs. She had anticipated celebrating her release from prison with her family in Washington and the fact that she will probably have to undergo another trial, made this Christmas the saddest of her life. Miss Patterson was sent an elaborate dinner by one of her counsel, but she ate little and wept continuously.

Tottering through the snow while suffering from pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Schneider, aged 23, fell swooning on a sidewalk in 45th street. Her husband died five months ago and left her penniless and she had been harbored by a woman friend. Her benefactor's husband became ill and believed he was about to be dispossessed. Last night, with starvation facing her and feeling very ill, Mrs. Schneider started to walk through the snow and sleet to a hospital. Her strength failed and she fainted. The physicians at Roosevelt hospital said she was suffering from double pneumonia and would die.

Vicenzo Luvario, who is said by the police to have been shot by Milo Carle at West Farms Saturday night, died last night without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Madeline McKay Williams, wife of a prominent citizen of Orange, N. J., drank carbolic acid and died before she could receive medical attention. Her act followed a discussion with her 16-year-old daughter over a dress which the young woman was to wear at a dance last night.

TOOK HIS PLUNGE

MICHAEL LARKIN SURPRISES THE PEOPLE OF MANCHESTER.

Michael J. Larkin of this city, who finds it healthy and invigorating to take daily baths in the icy waters of the Merrimack river, walked in Manchester, N. H., Saturday and before a good-sized crowd of skeptics at Pine Island Park in that city yesterday afternoon cut a hole in the ice and took his plunge.

Relative to Larkin's advent to the Queen city the Manchester Mirror Saturday afternoon printed the following:

"Michael J. Larkin of Lowell, the young man who gave the great white plague, consumption, a solar plexus by living in the open and taking a plunge in the river every day, no matter what the temperature, came to town today carrying the axe with which he cuts out his bathing place.

"Larkin walked all the way from the Spindle City, arriving here at 11.30 o'clock not the least bit tuckered.

" 'Somebody sent me a copy of the Mirror which told about my daily plunges,' he said to a reporter, 'and I thought that there might be some skeptics here as there are in other places. So I thought I'd take a stroll up this way before walking to Fitchburg and Springfield.'

" 'If I can make the proper arrangements, I shall take a few plunges tomorrow or on Monday at Pine Island park. Failing in that, it will be the river, for I certainly must not miss the daily tub.'

"Larkin is very earnest about the cold-air treatment for consumption. He says that it has made a new man of him.

"Late Saturday afternoon Larkin took his plunge. He also took another Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock not far from the ice rink at Pine Island park."

Larkin called up the sporting writer of The Sun by telephone from Manchester this morning and said that he was going to give another demonstration at Pine Island park this afternoon and would then start on his tramp for Fitchburg where he will be the attraction at Whalen's park and from there he goes to Springfield.

He said he was in the best of health and was enjoying his baths just as much in strange waters as in the Merrimack river.

CAN'T LOSE HER

WOMAN FOLLOWED HUSBAND FROM RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27—Mrs. Rosy Lichtenstein of 617 East Seventeenth street had her husband, Hyman, a bookbinder, in the Yorkville police court yesterday. She told the magistrate that he had taken her to Russia three times in an effort to lose her. She wanted her husband placed under bonds, so that he could not leave the city.

"He is going to Buenos Ayres with that other woman," she said through an interpreter. "Whenever I come to this country my husband takes me back to Russia and leaves me there and comes here himself."

She arrived here from Russia three weeks ago on her last journey after her spouse. She was married six years ago in the old country. The pair have a boy 3 years old, and another addition to the family is expected before Passover. She had $50 on her last arrival here, and she hunted up her husband and they bought some furniture with her money.

"Who is this other woman?" asked Magistrate Mayo.

"Her name is Fannie. She came from Russia with my husband. Hyman wanted me to let the other woman live with us, and when I wouldn't he got ready to go to South America," she replied.

Lichtenstein said that the woman Fannie simply wanted to board with the family.

The magistrate held him under bail to pay his wife $4 a week.

GIFTS FOR NAN

Message of Cheer From Her Father

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Nan Patterson's father returned to New York today from Washington, where he had spent Christmas and yesterday with his wife, and went directly to the Tombs prison to see his daughter to whom he brought several gifts and a message of cheer from her mother.

He said that he would remain in the city until after his daughter has her next trial.

"She has no other friend in the world except myself and her mother," he said, "and I feel it my duty to be here."

Miss Patterson continues to receive large quantities of mail every day. There were 45 letters for her today.

BOSTON MARKET

EARLY DEALS HAD A STRONG TONE.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—There was a strong tone to the early Boston stock market today. Trading was very light, the Christmas holidays failing to occasion an accumulation of orders. The remainder of the week will, in the opinion of the street, be quiet, no increased activity being expected until the opening of the new year.

Arbitrainge houses which have for some time been constant sellers of Amalgamated and Greene Consolidated were today buying these specialties.

There was a wide market for the inactive stocks. Chicago stockyards was 121 a 126.

HEAVY STORM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Reports to the weather bureau, today, say the storm that reached the Oregon coast Saturday morning moved southeastward to the Texas coast, where it was central Monday morning and thence northeastward into the middle Mississippi valley. In the last 24 hours it has increased greatly in intensity and forms today the most severe wind and rain storm of the season throughout the middle and lower Mississippi valley, Tennessee and the east gulf states. Heavy down pours of rain accompanied by thunder storms and high shifting winds have occurred in the lower Mississippi valley, Tennessee and the lower Ohio valley and rain, sleet and snow in the upper and middle portions of the Mississippi valley and the west portion of the lake region. Rain, snow or sleet has fallen at practically every station west of the Mississippi, while a cold wave prevails between the Mississippi and the Rocky mountains. The Mississippi valley disturbance will move northeastward during the next 36 hours.

SHOE COMPANY ASSIGNED.

CALAIS, Me., Dec. 27—The St. Croix Shoe Company, assigned today for the benefit of creditors to R. C. King of the United States Leather Company, Boston, George H. Eaton and George A. Curran, of Calais. The liabilities slightly exceed $150,000 while the actual assets will not be known until an inventory has been made. The reason given for the assignment were losses on account of unsatisfactory condition of business. The company employed 400 people in its factory. A meeting of creditors was called, to be held in Boston next Friday when arrangements may be made for continuing the business.

TRAMP STEAMSHIP ASHORE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The tramp steamship Drumelzier, which went ashore on Fire Island bar Sunday night, was still hard and fast on the beach today, with her captain and crew still on board. They had refused to be taken ashore by the life savers on Monday and as the steamer was resting easy on the sand, were not believed to be in danger. Last night was a severe one with high wind and sea so that the ship could not have been reached even if the life-savers had attempted it.

SHOT AT A DANCE

Hungarians in a General Mix-up

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In George Skulavik's room on the ground floor of the tenement house at 519 East Twelfth street a party of young Hungarians were celebrating Christmas yesterday afternoon. There were accordion playing and dancing and a few bottles of red wine.

In the party were Andrew Koson, 18 years old, of 427 East Fifteenth street and his friend, Joseph Kolenik, 19, who lived in the same house as Skulavik. Not only were Kolenik and Koson friends in this country, but they had played together as little boys in Hungary.

When the accordion was sounding its liveliest strains and the dancing was merriest, a shot rang out in the room and Kolenik sank to the floor, bleeding from a wound in the left side of his head just below the temple. Koson and most of the other merrymakers had left the room when a policeman arrived. Kolenik was taken to Bellevue where it was said he would die.

Less than an hour after the shooting occurred Detective Wasserman of the Fifth street station had arrested Koson and rounded up most of the others who were in the room. Koson he took to the hospital and walked him up to the bedside of his dying friend. Then he called on Kolenik to say whether this was the man who shot him. Kolenik said nothing for several seconds; then tears came into his eyes and, looking steadily at Koson, he whispered, "Yes." Then he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Koson also showed signs of intense feeling as he stood at the bedside, but his mouth was set hard, and he repeated what he had told the detective before he came to the hospital, that the revolver had dropped out of his hand and gone off as it struck the floor. He exhibited the index finger of his right hand, which was bloody and torn at the end, as proof of what he said. The bullet, he said, had hit his finger first.

The detectives were at a loss to explain the wound unless it was made afterward on purpose. Another odd fact is that the others in the party say that only one shot was fired while the revolver, when it was found, had all the chambers empty.

The revolver did not belong to Koson, but was the property of Joseph Kroutosik, another young Hungarian, living at 615 East Twelfth street, and Joseph wishes now that his brother who gave it to him as a Christmas present had it back. He brought it to the celebration, and Koson, according to those who were in the room, took it out of the pocket of the owner. The police found the revolver in a trunk in Kroutosik's room. Kroutosik was locked up with Koson.

EMMET CLUB

Members are requested to meet in their hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, '04. Special business election of officers for the ensuing term.

By order of the president.

TO SAVE CHILD

Brave Fireman Risked His Life

ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 27.—With his coat ablaze and half suffocated with smoke, Fireman George Eager of Hook and Ladder 1 of the Orange fire department yesterday staggered downstairs from the third story of the residence of Samuel Brody, at 69 Essex avenue, bearing in his arms Gertrude, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brody.

Just before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Gertrude was playing with matches in a closet on the second floor. Her mother was downstairs. Gertrude set fire to some clothing and, becoming frightened, toddled upstairs to the garret and hid. Mrs. Brody missed her and went upstairs to look for her. She was met by a gust of flame from the room. She picked up her youngest boy, Sammy, and rushed down stairs.

An alarm was sent in and the firemen were quickly on the scene. They found Mrs. Brody on the second floor screaming that her child was upstairs and making frantic efforts to get up. Firemen Hodgkinson, Eager, Marvel, Roose and others searched through the rooms on that floor, but could not find the child. Then Eager climbed up a ladder to the third story and smashed in the window.

He got into the room and fell to the floor almost unconscious from the smoke. He was followed by Policeman McManus and the two crawled about the floor on their stomachs. The blaze had come up through the floor and it set fire to Eager's coat. He was about to give up the search when he heard some papers rustling in a corner of the room and found the little girl lying on the floor. She had pulled some newspapers over her head and was clasping them in her tiny arms. She was unconscious.

Eager literally fell downstairs with his burden. On the second floor Mrs. Brody was struggling with two firemen who restrained her from going upstairs. When she saw the limp form of the little girl she fainted, thinking the child was dead. She was carried downstairs. Gertrude was restored to consciousness after half an hour's work, but a physician who was summoned said that she might have injured her lungs by breathing so much smoke.

Eager soon recovered from the effects of the smoke and went back to work. The fire gutted two rooms in the front part of the house, causing slight damage.

LUCKY WINNER

Mrs. George E. Sawtelle of 67 Varney street, won the Morris chair given by Bellefontaine & Co., for the largest number of coupons. Mrs. Sawtelle having 4354.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

WILL MEET NEXT THURSDAY MORNING.

The committee on accounts will meet Thursday morning to consider the department bills of the month and also to consider several bills that have been hanging fire for the past six months.

SHIP ABANDONED.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Dunstan, Captain Williamson, which arrived here yesterday from Galveston, landed the crew of the British ship Godiva, Captain Nicholson, which sailed from Boston, Dec. 6 for Buenos Ayres. The Godiva was abandoned in a dismasted condition.

The Godiva was of 1912 tons, was built in 1882 and was owned by T. Shute of Liverpool.

RAIN STORM

TURNED TO SNOW IN NORTHERN SECTION.

BOSTON, Dec. 27—The holiday rain storm which began early today extending over Southern New England, and turning to snow in the northern portions, broke a drought that has menaced the territory for some weeks. The rain and snow began falling before day light and continued steadily and heavily for hours. There was great rejoicing at the appearance of the rain as in many sections, the water supply had become very low if it had not ceased altogether. Mills dependent on water power in various sections had been compelled to shut down or, if so equipped, to turn to steam power. Springs and wells were low in all parts. In some districts where the supply had failed the farmers had to drive their cattle long distances to water them and in others to transport the water in barrels for miles.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MASONRY.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec 27—The New Hampshire Grand Lodge of Masons opened its semi-annual convocation here today for the exemplification of the work of the several degrees. The attendance is the largest in the history of New Hampshire Masonry. The first degree was exemplified this afternoon by Jewell Lodge of Suncook, and the second degree by Lafayette Lodge of this city. At 6 o'clock tonight the two local lodges will entertain the visiting grand officers and representatives with a banquet following which the work of the third degree will be worked.

CREMATORY LOAN

Has Not Been Signed by Mayor

Mayor Howe was at city hall bright and early this morning and gave his attention to several matters of importance. It is understood, however, that he has not as yet placed his official signature upon the crematory $10,000 loan, although it seems to have a favorable consideration at the hands of the executive office.

POLICE AT WORK

INVESTIGATING CASE OF GIRL FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The police are investigating the mysterious death of an unknown young woman who was found lying in the snow in Riverside Drive yesterday and who died without becoming conscious. The suspicions of the police were aroused by the fact that her underskirt and hat were found nearly 100 feet from her body.

The body has been viewed by a score of persons, but no one has been able to identify her. The spot where the body was found is lonesome and deserted. The police suspect that the young woman while unconscious, was left there by other persons to die of exposure.

WAS ASPHYXIATED

NEWSPAPER MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Henry Parent, a newspaper man who came here from Fall River two weeks ago, was asphyxiated in his room today. Gas escaped from a leaky gas stove. Parent was 41 years old and not married.

POSTMASTER MISSING.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Edmund Pendleton, postmaster at Star Lake, is missing and is believed to have perished in the woods. He left his home last Tuesday without coat or hat. Friday he appeared at a hotel 12 miles from here. A searching party of 50 men is scouring the Adirondacks in the vicinity of Cranberry lake.

TO INSTRUCT NAVAL STUDENTS.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—A proposal is now before the emperor of China to send the students of the naval college to the British admiral at Shanghai for a course of instruction.

GAME COMMISSIONER

AFTER PERSONS WHO KILLED BIG GAME.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 27.—Game Commissioner Nathaniel Wentworth is making a strong effort to bring to justice the perpetrators of wanton destruction of large game in various parts of the state. Besides many deer which have been killed for pure "cussedness" their bodies being left to be devoured by carnivorous beasts, two large elk have been slain. These elk would have dressed 400 or 500 pounds apiece.

Two years ago the people of Corbin Park presented the state twelve elk. These animals were taken to Andover and turned loose on Ragged mountain. On Aug. 1 last the dead body of one was found in South Danbury. It was that of a fine cow elk with a bullet hole through the shoulders. Last Friday, not more than 500 yards from the spot where the cow had lain, there was found the carcass of a bull elk with eight points to his antlers. He had evidently been killed the same time the cow was slain. So much of the body as had not been eaten by foxes or other animals was badly decayed.

Commissioner Wentworth offered a reward of $100 for the apprehension of those who committed the outrage, and, although no arrests have been made, the commissioner believes he has a clue. Word came from Barrington yesterday that a woodchopper had come across the carcass of a deer which had been shot.

Wentworth has recently investigated the cases of three deer killed by dogs and quite a number slain in pure mischief, besides some taken by poachers for meat and skins, as shown by entrails found in the woods.

STORM WARNING.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The following storm warning was sent to all New England coast points today by District Forecaster Smith of the weather bureau here:

Northeast storm warning, 10 a. m.: Storm of marked intensity, central over Illinois, moving northeast, east winds will increase to strong and high tonight and Wednesday.

DIED SUDDENLY.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 27.—Charles E. Leonard, well known in the New England shoe trade, died suddenly of heart failure here today while sitting in his office. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Leonard entered the shoe business as a workman in a local factory and from that position he advanced until he became the largest manufacturer in Middleboro. He was a director of the Middleboro National bank and was a liberal contributor to charitable work conducted by the Congregational church. He leaves two sons.

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BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Ellen Leary Was Burned to a Crisp

Fireman Thomas E. Hall Run Over by Fire Wagon—Several Other Minor Fires

Mrs. Ellen Leary, aged 63 years and residing in Cross street, next door to the St. Patrick's Working Girls' Home, was burned to death early Saturday evening, by overturning of an oil lamp. Before assistance could reach her she was so badly burned that she soon died. She was alone in the house at the time of the accident, and when the fire department arrived in response to an alarm from box 133 the woman was found in a dying condition.

Mrs. Leary, together with her son, John, occupied a small house in Cross street and shortly after 6.30 o'clock Saturday night the latter went out. When he left the house his mother was about her work.

Ten or fifteen minutes later Officer McCann, who patrols that beat, heard loud cries of fire. He rushed to the corner of Adams and Cross streets and pulled in an alarm from box 139 and then started back towards the house.

No one seemed to know that Mrs. Leary was in the house or that she was burning to death, but when the officer entered he found the unfortunate woman standing up and leaning over the sink, her head resting against the wall. The clothing was burned from her body and she was dead. Officer McCann grasped her in his arms but found only a mass of burning flesh with no sign of life.

It appeared that the woman was feeding a dog as the platter was on the floor and the lamp overturned beside it.

From the position where she was found it is thought that when the lamp was overturned and her clothing caught fire she went towards the sink in an endeavor to procure water to extinguish the flames, but was quickly suffocated and overcome by the flames rising around her head.

The remains of the unfortunate woman were removed to the funeral parlors of Undertaker Peter H. Savage where they were viewed by Medical Examiner Irish. Mrs. Leary is survived by a sister, Mrs. Margaret Jeffers, and one son, John.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the rooms of Undertaker Savage, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. The bearers were James McCarthy, Patrick Cashman, Andrew Rourke, Michael Muck and Patrick Casey. Undertaker Savage had charge.

NEEDLESS STILL ALARM.

A still alarm yesterday morning summoned a portion of the department to what was supposed to be a fire in the house of Humphrey O'Sullivan in Bulfinch street. The boiler in the cellar became overheated and started the safety valves blowing off steam. A domestic hearing the noise and noticing the steam, which she thought was smoke, issuing from the cellar, ran to the fire house in Fletcher street. When the firemen arrived they at once saw the cause of the alarm and set the valves all right.

FIRE IN McINTIRE STREET.

The defective arrangement of a stove pipe in the ell of a bath house in McIntire street, nearly resulted in the destruction of the building by fire, Sunday evening shortly after 5 o'clock. An alarm from box 43 was sent in and when the firemen from the Branch street house arrived a stubborn blaze was shooting out from various parts of the building. Chief Hosmer is of the opinion that the fire originated in the ell of the two-story house near where the stove pipe was supposed to enter the chimney, and this allowed the sparks to escape and set fire to the woodwork.

FIREMAN HURT.

While responding to the alarm, Thomas A. Hall, a call man, residing at 22 Lagrange street, was badly hurt. While the hook and ladder from the central fire station was going through Middlesex street, Hall endeavored to jump on the side step of the truck. He slipped on a car rail and falling to the ground, one of the rear wheels passed over his left leg.

He was taken to his home in Lagrange street and Dr. J. V. Meigs was called, and he examined and dressed the injury. The leg is badly swollen. Dr. Meigs does not believe that there is a fracture above the knee, though the member is badly swollen. The swelling has not subsided to allow a complete examination.

HIS NECK BROKEN

Probably Fatal Fall of John Hubbard on High Street

John Hubbard, aged 48 years and residing at 281 High street, was thrown from a loaded wagon in East Merrimack street, near the corner of High street, about midnight Saturday. He was taken to the Lowell General hospital suffering from a broken neck. After his fall he was taken to his home in the ambulance, but about two o'clock Sunday afternoon his condition became serious and the ambulance was again summoned and he was removed to the hospital. An examination there revealed the fact that he was suffering from a fracture of the spinal column at the sixth cervical vertebra.

He is resting comfortably now, though partially paralyzed, but the surgeons and physicians in attendance think there is a possible chance of his recovery. In case of fracture similar to the one sustained by Hubbard, the physicians state that much depends upon the displacement of the fractured member, and in Hubbard's case it is said to be displaced in such a manner as to admit knitting together if all conditions are favorable.

Hubbard is employed by E. Hapgood & Son, mattress manufacturers, 207 High street. He has held his position as driver for that firm for over 10 years and has been rated as an unusually trustworthy man. He is married.

CONNEMARAS WON

WELCH'S WONDERS WERE EASY FOR THEM.

The Connemaras administered another defeat to Welch's Wonders on the alleys last night, the former team winning by a margin of 103 pins. The winning team had their brother officers on the go from the start and at no time during the game were the followers of Deputy Welch in the running.

McKay with a three string total of 358 was high man, and it was owing to his excellent bowling that the Connemaras won by the large margin which they did. The score:

CONNEMARAS.

	1	2	3	Ttl
Connors	162	141	159	462
McKay	110	104	104	318
Ryan	142	129	127	398
Duncan	140	150	136	424
Peters	147	114	167	448
Totals	771	736	773	2280

WONDERS.

Welch	133	137	156	426
Atkinson	130	164	133	427
Burns	159	133	133	425
Donaldson	138	156	161	455
Maher	143	149	152	444
Totals	703	739	735	2177

EXCELLENT SCORE

"BOBBY" WHALEN MADE SINGLE OF 128.

Bibby Whalen of the Fairmounts ran up the highest single string in the inter-city tournament yesterday in the game between the Fairmounts and the Buntings. It happened in the first string when Whalen turned the trick, by putting up a string total of 128.

Coleman and Fullerton on the same team also did well, running up 102. The highest man on the Buntings was Marsden with 97. The score:

FAIRMOUNTS.

Coleman	88	92	94	274
Queenan	102	80	79	261
Whalen	128	96	85	309
Fullerton	90	102	85	277
Sub	74	58	73	205
Totals	482	418	416	1316

BUNTINGS.

Simpson	85	91	73	253
Grant	79	58	85	222
Marsden	80	97	85	262
Rigby	71	81	79	231
Hamel	86	95	73	254
Totals	401	422	401	1227

Points—Fairmounts 4, Buntings 1.

Whalen, highest single string of the tournament, 128.

O'BRIEN IS DEAD

He Was the King of Bunco Men

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A report has reached this city that Thomas O'Brien, the notorious confidence man and inventor of the "gold brick" swindle, for years recognized as the "king of bunco men," is dead in the French penal settlement at Cayenne, where he had been serving a life sentence for the murder of his partner, "Kid" Waddell, in Paris in 1895.

Several of O'Brien's old friends in this city are said to have received the news direct from Cayenne.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

SMOKE NUISANCE

President Roosevelt Determined to Stop It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—Drastic action has been recommended by the president looking to the suppression of the smoke nuisance in the city of Washington. A letter was sent by his direction to the district commissioners on November 30th inquiring if it were not possible to proceed criminally against the officers of an electric light company. He denounced the violation of the smoke law by the company at the very doors of the White House as an outrage and urged that the managers of the company be arrested again and again, at short intervals, in an effort to abate the nuisance.

No response having been received that was satisfactory the president authorized today the publication of the letter to the district commissioners. It follows:

"White House, Washington, November 30, 1904.

"To the district commissioners:

"The president has again taken up with his cabinet the smoke nuisance so far as the public buildings are concerned.

He would like especially to call your attention, however, to the well-nigh intolerable manifestation of the nuisance by the Electric Light company. Is it not possible to proceed criminally against the management of this company? If not drastic legislation should be recommended. It is an outrage on the city that such a nuisance should be permitted to exist right by the white house. At almost every hour of the day this great chimney can be seen emitting dense clouds of black smoke. It would seem to be wise to go to the very limit of the law and to arrest the head of the company or those highest up in the company again and again at the shortest possible intervals in order to put a stop to this nuisance, for the conduct on their part amounts to a flagrant defiance of the law and of respect for public opinion and is fraught with serious consequences to the city of Washington.

(Signed) WILLIAM LOEB, JR.,
Secretary to the President."

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

WHITELAW REID

Will be Ambassador to England

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Sec'y Hay and Ass't Sec'y Loomis had a long conference with the president yesterday regarding the changes that are to be made in the diplomatic service on March 4. The talk with Mr. Hay related entirely to the changes among the ambassadors.

After the conference it was formally announced that Whitelaw Reid will succeed Joseph H. Choate as ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Choate, it was said, in sending his resignation to the president, as is the custom at the expiration of a presidential term asked that it be accepted, as he wished to return to New York to resume the practice of law.

Only a few weeks ago it was said at the state department that it was understood Mr. Choate wished to remain at the court of St. James for four years more.

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Michael L. Donahue, late of Chelmsford in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Florence C. Donahue, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court within and for the County of Middlesex:

Respectfully libels and represents Addelaide Beatty, of Lowell in said County, that she was lawfully married to John H. Beatty, now of parts unknown to your libellant at Rochester in the State of New York on the twenty-seventh day of July A. D. 1893, and thereafterwards your libellant and the said John H. Beatty lived together as husband and wife in the State of New York, at said Rochester and at Tweed, in the Dominion of Canada, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, but the said John H. Beatty being wholly regardless of the same, at Tweed in said Dominion of Canada on or about the first day of November 1895, did utterly desert your libellant and has continued such desertion to the present time, being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel, and your libellant has resided in this Commonwealth to wit; at Lowell aforesaid for more than five years next prior to the filing of this libel.

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said John H. Beatty and that the custody of their minor child Thelma May Beatty, age 6 years, be given to your libellant.

Dated this seventh day of October A. D. 1903.

ADDELAIDE BEATTY.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, October 19, A. D. 1904.

Upon the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of February next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell in the County of Middlesex once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the last known residence of the libellee, that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon,

Attest,

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Ann Murdock, late of Lowell in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Catherine T. Murdock and Elizabeth T. Murdock who pray that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to them, or some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D., 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John Moffatt, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Nellie Sullivan, of Lowell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of January A. D. 1905, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and four.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Your Wants.

If you want to buy, sell or give away anything, or locate lost, strayed or stolen goods, advertise in The Sun and you will hear of it quickly, as it is

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LOST—A shirtwaist, between Wardell's store and Merrimack Square. Finder please leave at Sun Office.

LOST—An express and parcel delivery order book somewhere on Rogers st. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at The Sun Office.

LOST—Tails of a fur neck piece in the vicinity of Sacred Heart church. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at The Sun Office.

IF THE LADY who returned the pocketbook to 5 Glidden building will please call again it will be to her benefit.

LOST—A grocery order book, on Lincoln st, Ayer's City, liberal reward to finder at Rosteler Bros., 636 Middlesex st.

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LOST—A black wrist bag containing pocketbook, bills and change, also tickets for Highland club hall. Return to Room 5 Glidden building.

LOST—A bunch of flat keys, between Grafton Hall and Simpson st., if found return to Grafton Hall, Merrimack st.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday somewhere between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 10, 1904. Trains leave Merrimack Street Depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.45, 7.40, *8.50, *9.23, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex Street Station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.29, *6.39, x6.49, w6.50, 7.01, 7.24, 7.31, *7.48, 7.52, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.33, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.50, 1.44, *1.56, w2.30, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, 9.30 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.39, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.10, 2.25, w3.56, w5.32, 5.29, w8.03 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.30, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.10, w5.32 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.30, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15, a. m.; 12.10, 5.32 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06, p. m.

For Rockland, 8.30 a. m., 12.05 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor and Belfast, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.32 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 6.28 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.32 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland) on Monday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season, October 28, 1904.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.43, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 2.25, 5.29 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg Divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 6.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. Division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m. (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS to Hillsboro 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.00, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02, 10.39 a. m.; 12.09, 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39, (to Franklin only), 5.39, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.), Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.35, *10.39 a. m; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *a9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont Line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:

a Via Wakefield Junction.
* Express. b Daily.
q Wednesdays and Saturdays only.
w Via Western Division.
x Via Bedford. : Via Wilmington Junc.

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WANTED—One or two children to board in private family, good home. Inquire 670 Pleasant st., Dracut Centre.

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SITUATION WANTED—Position as lumber surveyor. Inquire at Sun Office.

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FULL OF FIGHT

Yesterday's Game the Scrappiest of Season

What proved to be one of the scrappiest games of basketball ever played in Lowell took place in Associate hall yesterday morning. Haverhill, the leader in the league race, was matched against the Lowell team and carried off the honors by a score of 24 to 12. The Haverhill men started off to rough it just after the beginning of the game and in the second period the locals began to give them back some of their own medicine. This was not to the liking of the Haverhill men who, by the way, are regarded in every town in the league as the roughest team in the game today. Doyle and Haggerty were particularly offensive in yesterday's contest and the latter lost himself completely when he found himself pitted against Enos, who had been sent in to take the place of Davy. Enos was covering the Haverhill man so closely that the latter was unable to do anything. In a rush for the ball near the basket at the entrance to the hall, Haggerty went down just as had about every other player some time during the game. At the time Enos was standing near the corner of the cage, his hands down and he in a position to play the ball in case it came his way. Haggerty arose and without the slightest warning struck Enos a blow full in the face. The attack was all the more cowardly in view of the fact that Enos only a few days ago had five stitches taken in his lip to close a wound. When Haggerty struck the first blow the men clinched and then the other players rushed into the mixup and stopped the trouble. At the same time Officer Flanagan, who had been engaged by the management to preserve order in the hall, entered the playing space and put an end to further quarreling. One of the Haverhill players appealed to some one on the stage and then walked over to the officer and told him to retire from the cage. The officer knew his business and promptly informed the Haverhill player that his conduct would be regulated by conditions. If there was trouble in the cage, he or any other officer detailed would enter the cage and stop the fracas. When the officer saw peace restored he withdrew from the cage. Instead of protesting against the appearance of the officer in the cage the Haverhill player should have been thankful that Haggerty was not arrested. Had such a thing occurred in the street or any other public place the offender would have been locked up.

It was some time after this incident before play was resumed. Then to the surprise of every one it was noticed that Referee O'Neil had ordered both Haggerty and Enos out of the game. He claimed that he did not see the first blow struck and that when he saw the men both were clinched.

The president of the league was in attendance at the game and in reply to a query by The Sun reporter said that the league rules provide a fine of $3 and expulsion from the game for a player who strikes another.

A few more men like Mr. Haggerty might put a quietus on the game in this vicinity. When people want to see a prize fight they go where such affairs are pulled off. When they pay to see basketball they do not want to witness a fistic encounter, and Mr. Haggerty and the Haverhill management should bear this in mind.

So far as the game itself is concerned Haverhill was entitled to the honors, for the men from down the river certainly had the better of the argument at all times. The Lowell team with the exception of "Ike" Loos seemed to be slow at all times. They were off in their passing and their throws for the basket were weak.

W. Loos turned on his ankle during the final period and it is doubtful if he will be able to play for some time. Bucky Lew played his usual clean and clever game and Doyle put up a fast article for Haverhill.

It was announced that the former Burke team will play against Lowell in Associate hall this evening.

LOWELL—12	24—HAVERHILL
Mathews lf	rb Haggerty
Leighton rf	lb Lew
J. Loos c	c Doyle, Wachter
W. Loos lb	rf Williamson
Enos, Field, Davey rb	lf Kennedy

FIRST PERIOD.

Won by	Scored by	Points
Haverhill	Williamson	2 - 0
Haverhill	Doyle	4— 0
Lowell	Third foul	4— 1
Haverhill	Williamson	6— 1
Haverhill	Williamson	8— 1
Haverhill	Kennedy	10— 1
Lowell	Mathews	10— 3
Lowell	Third foul	10— 4
Haverhill	Third foul	11— 4

SECOND PERIOD.

Haverhill	Doyle	13— 4
Lowell	Third foul	13— 5
Lowell	I. Loos	13— 7
Haverhill	Third foul	14— 7
Lowell	Third foul	14— 8

THIRD PERIOD.

Haverhill	Wachter	16— 8
Lowell	Third foul	16— 9
Lowell	I. Loos	16—11
Haverhill	Wachter	18—11
Haverhill	Kennedy	20—11
Haverhill	Williamson	22—11
Lowell	Third foul	22—12
Haverhill	Haggerty	24—12

Score, Haverhill 24, Lowell 12. Goals, Williamson 3, Doyle 2, Kennedy 2, Wachter 2, Haggerty, Lew, I. Loos 2, Mathews. Fouls committed, Kennedy, 6, Haggerty 5, Williamson 4, Doyle, Lew, Wachter 3, Mathews 3, Leighton 2, Davey, W. Loos, Enos. Points on fouls, Lowell 6, Haverhill 2. Referee John O'Neill of Lowell. Timekeepers, Fred Cummings for Lowell, Connie Driscoll for Haverhill. Attendance, 700.

HAVERHILL 36, LOWELL 20.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 27.—Haverhill defeated Lowell again last evening at basketball, the score being 36 to 20. Until the third period Lowell played strongly, but in the final period the locals took a big lead and allowed Lowell only three points. The game was hard fought throughout. The floor work of Kennedy was the feature of the game. The summary:

HAVERHILL	LOWELL
Williamson, Doyle rf	lb Davy
Kennedy lf	rb I. Loos
Doyle c	c Enos, Field
Wachter rb	lf Mathews
Haggerty lb	rf Leighton

Score, Haverhill 36, Lowell 20. Goals, Kennedy 5, Doyle 4, Wachter 3, Haggerty 4, Williamson, Mathews, Leighton 3, I. Loos, Davy, Field 3. Goals on fouls, Haverhill 2, Lowell 2. Referee, O'Neil. Timers, Gray and Driscoll. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance 1500.

AMESBURY LOST.

NEWBURYPORT, Dec. 27.—City hall was packed to the doors last night when the Newburyports defeated Amesbury at basketball, 21 to 8. Inview of Amesbury's victory in their own court yesterday afternoon a large crowd of rooters accompanied that team, and every deserving play of either team was cheered to the utmost.

The game was fast and lively, the covering-up work being exceptionally well done, so much so that few opportunities were given for goals.

Newburyport took the lead at the start and kept it, Amesbury being very poor at goal throwing.

The floor work of Jim Healey and the goal throwing of Punch was notable. Between the periods Newburyport high school defeated Pr. Mathews of Amesbury under amateur rules, 6 to 2. The summary:

NEWBURYPORT	AMESBURY
Hayes rf	lb Jack Healey
Punch lf	rb Donnelly
W. Sheridan c	c Lynch
H. Sheridan rb	lf Devlin, Page
Jim Healey lb	rf Qualey

Score, Newburyport 21, Amesbury 8. Goals from floor, Punch, H. Sheridan 2, Hayes 2, Jim Healey, Devlin, Jack Healey, Qualey. Points from fouls, Newburyport 3, Amesbury 2. Referee, Connors. Timer, Healey. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance, 1000.

AMESBURY 24, NEWBURYPORT 10.

AMESBURY, Dec. 27—The Newburyport New England league basketball team was defeated at the town hall yesterday afternoon by the Amesburys by a score of 24 to 10. The features were the great work of Devlin, Donnelly and Healey for Amesbury. The visitors were outplayed both in passing and goal throwing. The summary:

AMESBURY	NEWBURYPORT
Devlin rf	lb H. Sheridan
Qualey lf	rb Healey
Lynch c	c W. Sheridan
Healey rb	lf Reagan, Punch
Donnelly lb	rf Hayes

Score, Amesbury 24, Newburyport 10. Goals from floor, Devlin 6, Qualey, Healy 2, Donnelly 2, Hayes, W. Sheridan 2, Punch. Points from fouls, Amesbury 2, Newburyport 2. Referee, Connors. Scorer, Breed. Timer, Healey. Time, three 15m periods. Attendance 1000.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL 32,
NASHUA Y. M. C. A. 20

Lowell high school basketball team defeated Nashua Y. M. C. A., 32 to 20, in the high school annex last night. Scribner and Richards led in basket throwing for Lowell and Mansaw for the visitors. The summary:

LOWELL H. S.	NASHUA Y. M. C. A.
Scribner rf	lb Dow
Richards lf	rb Griswold
Farley c	c Lawrence, Ball
Lew rb	lf Mansaw
Fields lb	rf Hennan

Score, Lowell H. S. 32, Nashua Y. M. C. A. 20. Goals from floor, Mansaw 5, Richards 4, Scribner 4, Fields 3, Hennan 2, Dow 2, Farley. Goals from fouls, Lowell 8, Nashua 2. Referee, Wright. Umpire, Gluty. Timers, French, Brigham. Time, two 20m periods. Attendance 500.

WILLIE LEWIS

STOPPED MARTIN CANOLE IN NINTH ROUND.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 27.—Willie Lewis of New York defeated Martin Canole of Fall River in the ninth round of a scheduled 12-round bout at the Auditorium last night. Lewis started off like a winner, flooring Canole three times in the first round. The Fall River man recovered well and in the third Lewis went down, but claimed that Canole fouled him.

The fighting was very fast until the ninth when Lewis caught his opponent on the point of the jaw and Canole staggered about the ring like a drunken man, with Lewis right after him. The referee stopped the fight and gave the decision to Lewis.

JIMMY BURKE

FOUGHT A DRAW WITH KID PANTZ.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Jimmy Burke of this city and Kid Pantz of Boston fought a twelve-round draw at the West End club yesterday afternoon. Burke fought cleaner but Pantz led the offener.

Willie Muck of Lawrence defeated Young Daffy of South Boston in the second round.

Ted Galvin and Young Cahill of Lawrence went the six rounds limit, Galvin getting the decision on points.

JIMMY WALSH

KNOCKED OUT BRODIGAN IN FIRST ROUND.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—One thousand followers of the boxing game from Boston, Chelsea, Lynn and other cities assembled in the North street rink yesterday afternoon to see Jimmy Walsh, the bantamweight, meet Harry Brodigan of England.

This figured as the main bout, and like many of its kind, proved disappointing, being of too short duration to suit the crowd.

The affair lasted just 2 minutes 30 seconds, when Walsh scored a clean knockout, doing the trick with a right to his opponent's jaw.

The preliminaries were good. Duke Cahill of Lynn and Young Peabody of Peabody went six rounds to a draw. Kid Sanborn of Lynn proved easy for Johnny Powers of Boston, who downed him in the second round for keeps.

Jack Sheehan of Boston was the referee.

SHAW WAS SHOT

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Man Had Narrow Escape

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Dec. 27.—Charles Shaw is in the hospital here with shotgun wounds in his leg and in the lower part of the back, while George Daniels is under arrest charged with the shooting. Both men are farmhands. The affair happened at West Danville, 10 miles from here.

According to information in the hands of the police, Shaw on Saturday visited the farm of Mrs. Harvey Badger in West Danville where Daniels was employed. It is alleged that Shaw had been drinking, and he was asked to leave the premises. He returned yesterday and Daniels ordered him to leave. Daniels claims that Shaw then picked up an iron bar and advanced towards him. Believing his own life in danger, Daniels said he then fired at Shaw, the shot taking effect in his leg and back. Shaw's wounds are not dangerous.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

KILLED HIS WIFE

Man Then Burned His Home

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 27.—James Linkous, a Radford, Va., painter, was taken to Roanoke last night to prevent lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens after a coroner's inquest had returned a verdict that he murdered his wife and adopted son early Sunday morning and burned his home to remove evidence of the crime. It is charged that Linkous beat out the brains of his victims with a blunt instrument and then fired the building.

RUSSIAN REFORMS

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

Long Expected Ukase Issued by Emperor

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform ukase was issued last night. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of zemstvos presidents held here last month, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the council of ministers with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be recorded on the various subjects.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though freedom of all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

The various subjects will be referred to committees for early report.

In brief the subjects which will be referred to committees of the council of ministers for early report are:

First. A just and equitable enforcement of existing laws with a view to securing the harmonious administration of all the courts.

Second. Zemstvo organization with a view to giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various district zemstvos, calling additional zemstvo representatives where required and creating small zemstvo units capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasants.

Third. Equality of all citizens before the law, thus touching the much mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth. Arranging the scheme of workmen's assurance for the benefit and protection of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth. To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity from harsh action of the police except in the cases of persons known to be conspiring to commit overt acts against the stability of the state.

Sixth. The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect of manner of worship.

Seventh. For rescinding all unnecessary repressive laws, leaving in force only those designed for the protection of peasants and for the benefit generally of subjects of the empire.

Eighth. To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty to the press and the removal as far as possible of the various restrictive laws.

The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known even in the newspapers till long after midnight. Among those able to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document whose ultimate value depends largely upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. Naturally, it has not met the fullest wishes of the liberals, but on the other hand, it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms. It is complained also that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document, which must be left to interpretation by those to whom the various reforms are entrusted.

CARD OF THANKS.

We the undersigned wish to thank those who so kindly aided us either by words of consolation, acts of kindness or floral offerings in the hour of our bereavement on the death of our beloved father, Mr. Peter Mitchell. To each and all we extend our heartfelt thanks and will ever remember their sympathetic kindness, we also wish to thank the Boston and Northern Co., of which he was an employe. Signed.

MRS. CHARLOTTE DOUGLASS,
MISS ANNIE MITCHELL,
MR. FREDERICK J. MITCHELL,
ARTHUR MITCHELL,
WILLIAM MITCHELL,
M. E. MITCHELL,
AND PRO. ERNEST.

MATRIMONIAL

Miss Florence E. Peirce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Peirce of this city, and Mr. Howard H. P. Wright of Andover were united in marriage at noon on Saturday, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Henry T. Rose of Northampton, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rose, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. The bride wore white creme de chine with point lace and was attended by Miss Helen Rose as maid of honor. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast of 12 covers was served, and Mr. and Mrs. Wright left the town upon their wedding trip. They will live in Newton Centre and will be at home on Thursdays in February.

JEWELL—McKINLEY.

Miss Hilda Colbrooke McKinley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley and Mr. Arthur Leonard Jewell, both young people of Centralville, were married Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, at the All Saints' Episcopal church, Chelmsford Centre.

The officiating clergyman was Rev. Wilson Waters. Mr. Kenneth Brown was best man, and Miss Minnie Catherine Fowler was bridemaid. The bride was given away by her father.

The bride wore white cashmere, and her maid of honor wore a dress of the same material in pale blue.

WIGHTMAN—SEAGER.

A very pretty wedding took place Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dean, 14 Wilder street, where Rev. W. A. Morang united in holy matrimony Mr. Myron Wightman and Miss Sadie Seager, both of this city. The bride wore blue velvet with trimmings of silk and carried carnations. Mr. Lewis Dean was best man and Miss Mabel Richardson was bridemaid.

JOHNSON—HUGHES.

Mr. Cyrus W. Johnson and Miss Nellie Hughes, both of this city, were married at the Methodist parsonage at 806 Bridge street on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. F. M. Pickles performed the ceremony.

BIBEAULT—BIBEAULT.

Miss Exilia Bibeault, daughter of Mr. Elisee Bibeault, and Mr. Alfred Bibeault, Jr., were united in marriage yesterday morning at St. Joseph's church at a nuptial mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lewis, O. M. I.

The best man was Mr. Adelard Harnois and the bridesmaid, Miss Elodia Bibeault, a sister of the bride. The bride wore a handsome brown silk costume, with brown hat, and the bridesmaid wore brown voile. During the mass the quartet of the Holy Family society, of which the groom is a member, gave appropriate music.

The wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the groom's parents, 18 Ford street. At noon the young couple left on a week's honeymoon trip to Worcester, Manchester, Smithbridge and other points. On their return they will give a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 138 B street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bibeault have received a wealth of beautiful gifts, and will reside at the corner of Washington and Hale streets.

BLACKBURN—LOGAN.

Mr. Charles H. Blackburn of Stafford Springs was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Logan of this city last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wenden, 25 Leverett street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of the First Primitive Methodist church.

Miss Elizabeth Levesay was bridesmaid, and Mr. G. W. Wenden was best man. The matron of honor was Mrs. G. W. Wenden. The bride was gowned in mode silk, her maid of honor was attired in cream voile. The matron were pale blue silk.

The ushers at the ceremony were Mr. James W. Durell and Mr. James Levesey. There were guests present from Oswego, Roxbury, Marlboro, Monument Beach and other places. Miss Alice Leith played the wedding march.

The gifts received were numerous and useful. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn will be at home after January 8 in Stafford Springs, Conn. They left last night on the 9.25 train for a wedding trip to the Provinces.

HARDMAN—WILMOTT.

Miss Maude Wilmott of Lowell and Mr. Robert Hardman of Chelmsford Centre were united in marriage at the pastorate of the Gorham Street Methodist church yesterday. Rev. N. W. Matthews was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Margaret Rosseau was bridesmaid and Mr. Ernest Erickson was best man.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hardman will reside in Chapel street.

HEATH—McRAE.

Saturday night at the residence of Rev. J. M. Craig, Mr. Charles A. Heath of Haverhill and Miss Flora A. McRae of this city were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Heath will live at Haverhill after a short wedding trip.

ROBINSON—LEAVY.

Mr. Charles M. Robinson and Mrs. Georgiana Leavy were married yesterday at their home, 50 Elm street, in the presence of many invited friends. Rev. Smith T. Ford was the officiating minister.

INDOOR BASEBALL

Y. M. C. I. TEAM DEFEATED CO. M.

The first indoor baseball game of the season was played at the armory last night, the contesting teams being company M and the Y. M. C. I. The contest resulted in a victory for the latter team by a score of 28 to 13.

The makeup of the teams was as follows:

Y. M. C. I.—Martin lf, King ls, McCaffrey 3b, O'Hara 2b, Kelley 1b, Rearion rf, Jordan c, Ahearn rs, McMahon p.

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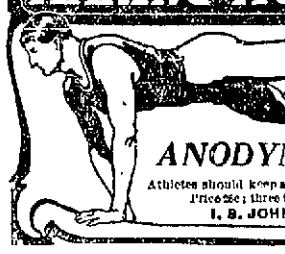

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REMEDIES SUGGESTED FOR TRUST EVILS.

The recent report of the bureau of corporations is voluminous and as important as voluminous.

The recommendations of the commissioner, James Rudolph Garfield, are apparently along the lines of practical reform and if carried out will result in much good.

The great question discussed is the control of large state concerns doing an interstate business. Of these concerns the commissioner speaks quite plainly. He points out a deep seated dissatisfaction as a result of existing conditions in the commercial and industrial evils throughout the country. The present legal conditions under which corporation business is carried on is particularly unsatisfactory. They not only admit but invite abuse. The state system he asserts as applied to interstate business amounts almost to a state of anarchy while the tendency is steadily downward. He further shows that under present arrangements no improvement is practical but he suggests a means of overcoming the evils of the state system.

The primary work of the bureau is to lay a good statistical foundation as it were covering all the phases of such corporation, to get a line on each, so to speak, in order that proper information may be secured on which to base federal legislation for the restriction of these combines.

Regarding the beef trust which was made a special object of investigation, the report says:

"On March 18, 1904, a resolution was passed by the house of representatives directing the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the alleged beef combination. The secretary of commerce and labor directed the Bureau of Corporations to conduct the inquiry called for in the resolution. An extended special report on this subject will shortly be submitted. Special agents, with clerical assistants, have been constantly in the field since April. They have secured comprehensive statistics, chiefly relating to the prices of cattle and of beef, from the records of all the companies in the alleged combination and also from independent packers, commission men, retail dealers, and other sources. They have interviewed a large number of independent packers, commission men, cattle raisers, meat dealers, and other persons, with a view to ascertaining facts and opinions relating to the existence of a combination, the movements of prices, the causes of such movements and the general conditions of the cattle and beef industry."

Commissioner Garfield recommends a federal license as a means of holding these large corporations under proper restraint and he outlines the possible forms congressional action may take under the following heads:

"A—Delegation to the states of control of interstate commerce. This is believed to be unconstitutional and, secondly, subject to all the objections applicable to the present 'State system.'"

"B—Compulsory federal corporation of interstate commerce companies. This is probably legally practicable, but it presents serious difficulties because of its effects upon the authority of the state over such corporations in matters of taxation and local regulations.

"C—Federal license or franchise for interstate commerce. Legally, this is practicable; it gives the national government direct regulation of the agencies of interstate and foreign commerce."

Judging from the evils which Commissioner Garfield points out and the remedies he suggests, it seems that if congress takes up the matter of proper control of large corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, it can easily provide restraints that will remedy many of the abuses now inflicted upon the country by the trusts. If the suggestions offered by Commissioner Garfield be adopted by congress the Bureau of Corporations will prove well worth all it costs the government.

THE POPULAR AND THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The complete canvass of the votes cast in the recent election shows that Alton G. Parker polled a smaller percentage of the popular vote than did any defeated candidate since 1868. To show the percentage of the popular vote and how it differs from the percentage of the electoral vote received by the candidates, the following tables are presented:

Popular Vote.

1868	Grant	53	Seymour	47
1872	Grant	56	Greeley	44
1876	Hayes	48	Tilden	51
1880	Garfield	48	Hancock	48
1884	Cleveland	49	Blaine	48
1888	Harrison	48	Cleveland	49
1892	Cleveland	46	Harrison	43
1896	McKinley	51	Bryan	46
1900	McKinley	51	Bryan	45
1904	Roosevelt	58	Parker	38

Electoral Vote.

1868	Grant	73	Seymour	27
1872	Grant	82	Greeley	18
1876	Hayes	50	Tilden	60
1880	Garfield	58	Hancock	42
1884	Cleveland	55	Blaine	45
1888	Harrison	58	Cleveland	42
1892	Cleveland	62	Harrison	32
1896	McKinley	61	Bryan	39
1900	McKinley	65	Bryan	35
1904	Roosevelt	71	Parker	29

From these tables it is clear that the candidate who receives the highest percentage of the popular vote is not always the candidate elected. Thus Hayes in 1876 did not get a majority. Garfield got about the same percentage as did Hancock who was defeated. Harrison in 1888 was elected although he received a smaller popular vote than Cleveland. It is the electoral vote that elects and this rather awkward provision of the constitution very frequently defeats the will of the people.

THE SALARY LIST.

The committee on salaries in making up the list for next year saw fit to recommend an increase of $200 for Chief Hosmer of the fire department, who is now receiving a salary of $2,000 a year. A slight increase has been recommended in the salary of the board of registrars and although their labors do not call for any lengthy service, still the board is an important one and nobody is likely to object to the slight increase suggested which simply adds $50 to the salary of each the chairman receiving $650 and each of the others $550.

The committee saw a great chance to economize on the salary of fish warden who is now receiving the extravagant sum of $10. This they reduced by 30 per cent. so that the fish warden may hereafter draw the neat sum of $25. The committee seems to have overlooked the fact that the pound-keeper receives $5 a year while in the opinion of honest citizens the sum of $2.50 would be ample for his services. Strange that the committee was so blind to the city's interests.

But had the committee considered the fitness of things it would have used the pruning knife somewhat differently. There is one anomaly in the salary list which we never could explain and that is the fact that the superintendent of schools receives the same salary as the mayor of the city. His salary of $3,000 is about $1,000 more than it should be, and if extravagance did not rule in the school board the superintendent's salary would not exceed that amount. The superintendent does not work any harder than one of the grammar masters, none of whom get over $2000 and we venture to say that if our superintendent were retired from his present position he would be entirely willing to accept a principalship at $2,000, while some of the principals would be willing to accept his place at the same sum.

SEEN AND HEARD

The telephone bell sounded at the police station. Deputy Welch answered and a sweet voiced woman at the other end of the line said: "I wish you would tell Officer B—— to remove the snow from his sidewalk.

"Here is Officer B——," said the deputy "I will call him to the 'phone."

"Oh, no, no, I do not want to talk with him," said the lady with alarm in her voice.

"He is right here," said the deputy and bang went the telephone.

"That little woman is minus the courage of her convictions," remarked the deputy.

I was reading the other day of a five-year-old boy who surprised his father by saying: "President Roosevelt is an exceptionally fine man." That was a pretty big speech for so small a boy, but there are other boys, younger than the lad who so surprised his father, who make just as big speeches. I have in mind a three-year-old, the prettiest boy that I have ever seen, and his speech is beyond his years.

The other evening he stood upon a chair and was fumbling about a high desk moving things at random. "Look out James," said his mother, "you will break that vase."

"If I did mama, it would be merely an accident," was the lad's reply.

His brother Thomas is somewhat of a book worm. He is a sensitive boy and he studies his lessons carefully so that he will stand ready to answer all questions that his teacher may ask. Thomas had his head in his books the other night and James, looking up from his play said: "Mama, don't you think Thomas is very ambitious?" These are but samples of the wonderful sentences uttered by little James. There is only one way we can account for the remarkable speech of so young a child. His mind must be exceptionally retentive and words used by older persons photograph themselves upon his brain.

A MAINE FARMER'S HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

I am glad that Christmas's coming, the day is almost here,
When our heart responds to others, in happy, thankful cheer.
I know I have much to be thankful for, for Fate has been so kind;
But these few items follow, seem most important to my mind.

I am happy I am not a Russian, to fight among ice and snow,
And get licked by every little Jap, which ever way I go;
I am happy that I have plenty of cider, which for Christmas is on tap,
And I'll gladly draw a pitcher and drink success to the dusky Jap.

I am happy I am not Tom Lawson, Rogers, Young or Greene,
To receive such vile and ugly names as in the press are seen,
But still I think that Lawson's right and knows what he's about,
So I'll drink success to Tommy, as long as my cider holds out.

I am happy I have plenty of cider, but this draught I must say,
For this especial occasion I feel like adding "Nay."
For I am happy, oh, so happy! that through the ordinance of Fate
The face of Mrs. Chadwick was never seen in our old State.

CANAL COMMISSION

SOME TALK OF REDUCING NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—President Roosevelt has given consideration recently to suggestions looking to a reduction in the membership of the Panama canal commission, but thus far, it can be said, no definite decision has been reached. Some members of the congress urge that the commission is so large as to be unwieldly.

It is known that Representative Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on inter state and foreign commerce believes that the commission is too large and that the chief engineer of the nation ought to have greater initial authority than he now has.

Mr. Hepburn talked to the president about canal matters, but he declined to say whether it was the intention of his committee to introduce a measure looking to the crystallization of his ideas into law. Before action of a definite nature is taken, the subject will be considered carefully in all its phases.

OFFICER MAY DIE

Race Riot Broke Out in Plainfield, N. J.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two policemen fatally injured, a third badly hurt, and four negroes locked up, is the result of a battle that took place early Sunday in North Plainfield, N. J., between firemen, policemen and citizens on one side, and a gang of negroes on the other. Marshal Flack and Special Policeman William Klein are dying in Muhlenberg hospital, the former with a deep knife thrust below the right shoulder, and the latter with razor cuts over his entire body, 60 stitches having been required to close the wounds. A third policeman, Walter Smallrey, is at his home, his face battered and bruised and suffering from a kick in the groin. The prisoners are Samuel Hunt, Walter Toms, Albert Tunstall and James Henderson, all residents of Plainfield.

The negroes had been standing on street corners yelling "Merry Christmas" at everyone who passed and demanding money to buy drink. Smallrey attempted to arrest one of them and was knocked down and beaten. Klein went to his assistance, but was struck in the face and slashed with a razor. Passersby summoned assistance and Chief George Weiss and Flack responded. The negroes drew knives and razors, and even the sight of revolvers failed to stop them.

The police did not shoot for fear of hitting some one in the crowd and a call was sent for the fire department. The firemen responded and with citizens joined in the battle which was waged nearly half an hour. When the negroes were finally subdued and about to be taken to jail, there were cries from the crowd of "Bring a rope" and "Lynch them". Chief Watts warned the hot-headed to keep away but some members of the crowd got close enough to strike the negroes. A crowd hung about the jail for hours and all through the day, in both Plainfield and North Plainfield frequent tilts occurred between white men and negroes.

HOUSE DESTROYED

BLAZE WAS STARTED BY A CANDLE.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27.—The handsome residence of Col. and Mrs. Tracey on Seaview avenue, facing Long Island Sound, was burned yesterday, a candle which was a part of the decorations of a Christmas tree starting the blaze. Col. and Mrs. Warren were entertaining a party of children at the time. All the persons in the house got out safely but in her anxiety for the children Mrs. Warren neglected to take with her some valuable jewels. Practically all the contents of the house were consumed. The loss is $12,000, partially insured.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DECIDED IN FAVOR OF GENERAL KENNY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Attorney General Moody has given an opinion to Secretary Morton in the case of Paymaster General A. S. Kenny, U. S. N., retired, who some time ago made a protest against being designated in the navy register and in official correspondence as "pay director," the contention being he should be designated as "pay-master general, U. S. N., retired." The attorney general holds that the title of paymaster general and of the chiefs of other staff bureaus of the navy department goes over to the retired list with the officer and stays with them thereafter.

TWELVE HORSES RESCUED.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 27—A stable at Maplewood park, owned by the Eastern Maine Fair Association, and leased by Ralph Burrill, a horse trainer, was burned Sunday. Twelve fine bred horses were rescued, but the stallion Percy Wilkes, valued at $1000, owned by H. N. Pierce of Lincoln, was suffocated. The total loss will be $15,000 partially covered by insurance.

THREE MEN DEAD

Ice Boats in Head-On Collision

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Three men were killed and three seriously hurt in a crash of two ice boats speeding before a gale of wind at the rate of 50 miles an hour on Onondaga lake Sunday afternoon. The dead are James Jackson, Charles Markham and George Todd, all of this city. Jackson lived only long enough to be removed from the wreck of the yachts to the shore, while Markham died an hour later at St. Joseph's hospital here. George Todd was also taken to the hospital, where he died shortly after midnight. The others, all of whom are more or less seriously injured, are Fred Warner, Otto Schilling and John Sessler. The accident occurred after the first of the season's regattas of the Onondaga Lake Ice Yacht club which attracted fully 1500 persons to the lake.

HE CONFESSED

MAN ADMITTED THAT HE KILLED HIS AUNT.

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 27—Geo. Bearss, who was arrested at Flint yesterday, confessed, Sheriff Davidson says, to the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Abel Brown, on her farm last Friday. Mrs. Brown's head was crushed and she was stabbed several times. The officers say that Bearss said he was infatuated with his aunt.

FROZEN TO DEATH

MAN WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN A STABLE.

SOMERVILLE, Dec. 25—William Chase, 50 years old, and supposed to be homeless, was found unconscious in a stable Sunday and was removed to a hospital where he died shortly after his arrival. According to the hospital physicians, Chase virtually froze to death.

ELEVEN INJURED

ELECTRIC CAR COLLIDED WITH A POLE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 27—An electric car laden with passengers, ran away down a steep hill on Olney street about 7 o'clock Sunday morning, and collided with an electric light pole at the base of the hill. Eleven persons, including the conductor and motorman, were injured, but none seriously.

TWO KILLED

DEMONSTRATION HELD AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS.

RAZOM, Russian Poland, Dec. 27—After the midnight mass at the Roman Catholic cathedral, Sunday a crowd composed of workmen paraded the streets carrying red flags. The military authorities in trying to disperse it were received with shots and a serious encounter followed in which the commander of the 26th regiment was killed and a gendarme was wounded. One of the demonstrators was killed.

GAS EXPLODED

FIVE PERSONS INJURED, TWO OF THEM SERIOUSLY.

WHEELING, Va., Dec. 27—Five persons were injured, two of them seriously, Sunday by a natural gas explosion in the home of B. P. Biggs, in North Wheeling. Miss Pearl Cox, of West Liberty, a visitor was seriously burned, and an infant was thrown half way across the street, sustaining serious wounds. Mr. Biggs, Mrs. Biggs and Glen Biggs were painfully hurt. The house was completely wrecked.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

That ever popular and well known melodrama "East Lynne" was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and evening and long before the opening of either performance the sign "standing room only" was hung outside the box office and many of the patrons had to be refused admittance owing to the fact that the advance sale had been very large.

The play itself is too well known to go into description, but it is one which will ever be popular. Despite the fact that it has been presented in this city many times the character of the present company is such that it appeals to the lovers of good melodrama and there is little or no doubt but that the remaining performances of "East Lynne" will be well attended.

The working up of the several climaxes in the play is most interesting, while the climaxes are soul-stirring and thrilling in the extreme. Then there is a wave of comedy which floats through the piece that seems to balance the heavier parts.

The cast is headed by Mr. Charles G. Tingay, who for ten years was leading man and manager for the well known star, and Miss Marguerite Calla for the past three years leading lady of the "Sign of the Cross" company, Wilson Barrett's English success. Miss Calla is the daughter of the late Ada Gray, who for so many years was seen throughout the United States and Canada as Lady Isabel and Mme. Vine, and very worthily she wears the laurels, for it is difficult to distinguish whether it is not Miss Gray herself, so beautifully does she portray this very trying role.

John Walters in the role of Sir Francis Levison does well. The remaining members of the cast are all experienced people and each takes care of the characters assigned in a pleasing manner.

"East Lynne" will be given twice today, with matinee and night performances tomorrow.

ENDED HIS LIFE

BROKER MADE DESPERATE BY FAILURE OF COMPANY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Made desperate by the failure of the American fuel corporation, of which he was secretary, George S. Evans, a broker and promoter, ended his life in a hotel in Jersey City yesterday by shooting himself in the head.

When he committed the act, his wife was sitting at a window in the residence of her father in Bloomfield, N. J., awaiting the promised coming of her husband, and she saw the messenger who brought the announcement of the tragedy. Upon hearing the news, Mrs. Evans fainted and is now in a serious condition under the care of a physician.

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PLANT WRECKED

Powder House at Haverhill Blew Up

THE PEOPLE OF HALIFAX FEARED EARTHQUAKE

Doors Forced Open and Glass Broken

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—Part of the plant of the Acadia Powder company, in the town of Waverley, ten miles from here, was wrecked yesterday by an explosion of powder, which caused such a concussion that the shock was felt within a radius of 20 miles and which struck Halifax with such force that many windows were broken and the residents became mildly panic stricken.

Although it was at first reported that several lives were lost, it was later established that no one was injured or killed. Many persons, however, were knocked down by the force of the explosion and either stunned or rendered unconscious. The property loss is $25,000.

The explosion, which occurred at 10.30 yesterday morning, was so markedly felt in Halifax and in other places within the territory affected that the people feared an earthquake had come. Buildings trembled and broken glass fell almost upon every street.

Fifteen or 20 men had just left the dryhouse of the plant when a terrific concussion occurred, wrecking the dryhouse and demolishing all of the smaller buildings of the plant nearby. The workmen had a narrow escape from death and from being injured by wreckage which was hurled through the air in every direction. All were knocked down and made insensible.

An investigation showed that the powder stored in the dryhouse had exploded, probably due to overheating. A hole of some depth in the ground indicated the severity of the concussion, while the appearance of various smaller structures near by, which were totally demolished, showed that the damage was considerable. The magazines connected with the plant remained intact, but the shock had badly damaged the structure in which many tons of powder were stored. Dense woods surrounded the powder plant, but after the explosion they gave the appearance that a cyclone had passed through them.

The house of Robert Layton, manager of the works, situated about one-quarter of a mile from the scene, was badly damaged, and Miss Marguret Layton, the daughter of Mr. Layton, who was in the sitting room on the second story, was thrown violently to the floor and rendered unconscious.

One of the peculiar effects of the explosion in this city was the forcing open of locked doors in many of the shops and stores. Heavy plate-glass windows in many business places were wrecked, and at one of the fire department houses the large front doors were burst open.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS

GIRL DIED WHILE ON WAY TO HOSPITAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A young woman, poorly clad, was found unconscious seated on a bench in Riverside drive yesterday. She was partially covered by snow which had drifted about her.

An ambulance was summoned but the girl died on the way to the hospital without regaining consciousness.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Maurice White yesterday drank a solution of corrosive sublimate, mistaking it for medicine. She was taken to the Frost hospital, where it was later announced that she could not recover.

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BURNED TO DEATH

Man and His Family the Victims

OLDTOWN, Maryland, Dec. 27.—Mack Nimarick, his wife and child and Anna and Massaun Cole, Nimarick's sisters-in-law, all Slavs, were burned to death yesterday in a shanty in which fifty laborers employed on the Wabash railroad were housed. An explosion of coal oil is supposed to have caused the accident.

Foul play is suspected by the police as Nimarick is said to have had a considerable sum of money on his person Sunday. Two of the Slavs, members of the camp, are said to be missing.

WATER PIPES BURST

BLOCK ON CENTRAL STREET BADLY FLOODED.

Water pipes in the tenement block numbered 560 Central street burst yesterday noon and flooded the lower floors of the building. Galloway's barber shop is in the front of the building and this place was completely flooded with water, while several tenements occupied by Portuguese also got well wet down.

FATALLY INJURED

LAWRENCE MAN FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 27.—John F. Lowell, aged 60, of 124 Boxford street, died yesterday in the general hospital from a fractured skull, sustained by falling down a stairway at 261 Canal street. He was a watchman in the Washington mills.

He was late in leaving his home yesterday morning, but finding an opportunity to get breakfast he went to the Canal street boarding house. He opened a wrong door in leaving and fell down a flight of stairs. He left a family.

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MAY REORGANIZE

Important Circular Issued to the Stockholders

The Boott Mills May be Placed on Better Business Basis—Early Meeting to be Held

Plans to re-organize the Boott cotton mills are on foot. The stockholders will hold a special meeting on Thursday next. The circular to the stockholders reads as follows:

"The collapse in the price of cotton last spring after a speculative advance was followed by a great depression in the cotton goods trade, and an almost unparalleled abstaining from buying, especially of fine goods, caused most serious losses on both cotton and cloth. This condition was general and the Boott cotton mills were closed for three months.

"The depreciation in cotton and cloth since a year ago and since the stoppage last summer and autumn, and the expenses during the stoppage involved not only the loss of the quick capital of the company as it stood a year ago, but a debt of $160,000. The mills started in November, and are now running in large part with orders for goods that may take six weeks to fill, but they cannot continue to run after that time without a considerable addition of cash capital."

The directors have submitted the following plans:

That the capital stock of the company, now at $1,200,000 in 1200 shares at $1000 par value each, be reduced to 2000 shares of a par value of $100 each; that the company be authorized to issue $450,000 new stock which is to be preferred over the then existing $300,000 common stock as to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6 per cent., the preferred stock to share in profit with the common stock pro rata after both classes of stock shall have received in any one calendar year dividends of 6 per cent. and to have voting power; that the $450,000 preferred stock shall be offered to stockholders at par in proportion to their holding, that is, for every $100 share of common stock, 1½ shares of preferred at $100 per share.

The option for subscription is to run 30 days. In event that $300,000 of the $450,000 of the new preferred stock shall be subscribed by responsible parties, the plan may be declared operative. Otherwise, the subscriptions shall be cancelled and the plan declared inoperative. In the latter case, the board of directors is to have authority to sell the plant at public or private sale.

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BARRETT KILLED

He Was Struck by Express Train

CHELSEA, Dec. 27.—George V. Barrett, a conductor of the Boston & Northern street railway, was instantly killed last night at the Everett avenue railroad crossing by an inward-bound Portland express.

Barrett had left his car and was standing on the tracks facing an outward bound train.

Stepping from the track he was struck by the inward-bound train and hurled some 50 feet, striking against a post, which crushed his forehead and skull.

Barrett was 43 years old and resided in Everett with his wife and two children.

SPORTS ARRESTED

Raid on Cocking Main at Plaistow, N. H.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 27.—The 22 men arrested by the Plaistow, N. H., officers Sunday for being present at a cock fight in that town, appeared before Judge Noyes yesterday morning and all pleaded guilty.

Ulderic Demarais, in whose house the main was in progress, pleaded guilty to promoting the main and was fined $25 and costs. The others were charged with being present and were fined $15 and costs.

They are Charles Leblanc, Frank Bernard, Henry Buell, George Greenwood, Henry Gasco, Louis Lambert and Joseph Brunelle of Manchester, N. H.; Joseph Collins, Ernest Stouritt and Joseph Callahan of Plaistow, N. H.; Frank Collins and Joseph Veino of Lawrence, Walter B. Hayes, Louis Drepeau, William Martin, Jamis Paris, Joseph Blanchard and Benjamin Hall of this city, Joseph Bouchard and Edwin Bouchard of Epping, N. H. and Frank Simes of Kingston, N. H.

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Fresh Shoulders.....9c lb.
Best Round Steak, 2 lbs. for 25c
Best Rump and Sirloin Steak, 15c lb.
Best Corned Beef....5c to 7c lb.
Best Legs Veal.....10c lb.

Best short cut Legs Lamb 10c lb.
Best Cape Cod Cranberries, 5c qt.
Best Bread Flour, 85c bag; $6.75 bbl.
Best Butterine.....10c to 15c lb.
Best Creamery Butter, 5-lb. Boxes, $1.50
Best Green Mountain Potatoes, 18c peck; 70c bush.
6 lbs. of large Prunes..... 25c
20-lb. pail Compound Lard, $1.40
Fresh Eggs .....25c doz.

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BISHOP DELANY

RT. REV. JOHN B. DELANY.

Says Things are Very Promising in Ireland

MANCHESTER, Dec. 27—Bishop Delany, who reached home from Portsmouth at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, the single passenger on a special train, greeted his parishioners of St. Joseph's cathedral at each of the morning masses. There was great rejoicing at his safe return, and in his appearance there was no sign of serious result from the experiences described in press dispatches of Friday night, telling of the panic on board the Prinzess Irene, which put into Halifax for coal, several days overdue from Naples for New York.

"The modern liner," says Bishop Delany, "barring accidents, is safe against anything that blows the seas. Our only danger was in the possibility of a serious accident to the machinery. There was fear on the Irene, of course, and everybody had recourse to prayer, but I should hardly call it panicky. It is not true that I went to the steerage to quiet such conditions there."

Bishop Delany spent a week in Ireland and two weeks in France. He believes that things are "looking up" for Ireland, that the new land act contains much of hopefulness and that lessening emigration marks the dawn of brighter days.

He sees, too, a revival of religious faith in France, and expects an early end of the persecution to which the Catholic church in that country has been subject. Bishop Delany saw Pope Pius X. on four occasions, having a private audience with him Nov. 30, when the holy father inquired about the condition of the church in New Hampshire and sent his blessing to priests and people. The pope seemed to be particularly pleased with the reports that Bishop Delany had to lay before him.

At the conclusion of this private audience Bishop Delany presented his sisters, the Misses Grace and Clotilde of Lowell, and his traveling companion, Rev. Joseph G. Anderson of St. Cecilia's, Boston. This is what the pope said in blessing the little objects of piety that they held.

"I bless you all. I bless what you hold in your hands. I bless what you have in your hearts and what you have in your minds."

Then extending his hand to each in turn, he said 'Adio,' and the audience was at an end.

"The heaviest storm began Dec. 17, said Rev. Fr. Anderson. "It was severe all night and all Sunday and Monday, but Monday night the worst and most terrific gale came up. Seven ventilators were swept overboard, and an iron door demolished.

"The lower cabins were flooded and by the force of the shock three passengers were thrown about and injured. Two in the steerage suffered greatly and were put in the ship's hospital while a first class passenger escaped with a cut, which, however, required three stitches.

"I of course had never seen such a storm, and the captain, who has been in the service 20 years, assured me he had never experienced one like it.

"Under the fearful conditions of Monday night, when he had resigned ourselves to what appeared to be the end, the seven Catholic clergymen with Bishop Delany recited the prayers and were prepared to administer the sacrament.

"Fr. P. S. Cruney of Erie, N. Y., was with the second class and steerage passengers in their agony, and he gave them spiritual comfort. It seemed, as I have said, that there was no hope for us.

"But after all we did reach Halifax. You have been told how we got ashore by ourselves. Well, now I wish to say that the people of Halifax were most kind and thoughtful. They did everything in their power to make us comfortable and to aid us. Passenger agent Lambkin of the Intercolonial railway gladly held the 9 o'clock train two hours, that our baggage might be taken off the ship and carried to the depot. Immigration Commissioner Enwright and Mr. Powers of the customhouse were also generous with their time and services.

"Have I told you what a noble man the captain was? With two days' dead reckoning—that is observations without the sun—we made Halifax in the face of a blinding snow storm at 4.30 Friday afternoon. After leaving Halifax we proceeded to St. John, reaching there the next day.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

FUNERALS

HALLETT—The funeral of Miss Bessie Hallett was held yesterday afternoon from her home, 17 London street, and the large number of friends and relatives in attendance at the services and the wealth of floral offerings sent evidenced to a marked degree the esteem in which deceased was held by all who knew her. Rev. Mr. Chapman was the officiating clergyman and there was singing by the ladies' choir of the House of Prayer. The bearers were Walter Bearce, Leaman Currier, Ada Pullen; spray of pink roses, Mr. Moses and John McKelvey, Howard Hallett and Chester Currier.

Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertakers Young & Co. had charge.

GOLDEN—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Golden took place yesterday morning from her home, 37 West Fifth street, and was very largely attended, including a number from Newton and Waterlown. At 9 o'clock, at St. Michael's church, a funeral mass was sung by Rev. J. J. Shaw, assisted by Rev. E. A. Carney, deacon, and Rev. F. J. Mullin, sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy, sang Schmidt's mass. There were beautiful floral offerings in evidence, showing the esteem in which deceased was held by her friends. The bearers were Messrs. Dominick McCarty, James Mitchell, John Riley, Peter Kilbride, Frank Kilbride and Mr. McVeely. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Fr. Mullin read the committal services at the grave. Funeral director James W. McKenna had charge.

FORBES—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Forbes was held yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker J. W. Brooks and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

MANSUR—The funeral of Lena May, daughter of Philip and Mary Mansur, was held Sunday afternoon from the home of her parents in East Dracut, and burial was in the East Dracut cemetery. Undertaker J. W. Brooks had charge.

KANE—The funeral of Bridget Kane was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her home, 23 Franklin street, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. The floral pieces were numerous. The bearers were Murtagh and Thomas Vaughn, Cormack and Patrick Kiernan, and James and Charles Smith. Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons had charge.

CONWAY—The funeral of Esther Conway was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, from the home of her parents, 23 Sawtelle place, off School street, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

GILLICK—The funeral of John J. Gillick was held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from his residence, 473 Riverside street, Dracut, and at 10 o'clock a funeral mass was celebrated at St. Michael's church by Rev. Fr. Murphy. There was a delegation from court Middlesex, F. of A., consisting of Frank and T. J. Brick, James T. Geary and Joseph McGann in attendance, and the bearers were John Keenane, Bernard Mack, Charles Murphy, John Hogan, John McGrath and Patrick McGrath. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Mullin conducted the committal prayers at the grave. The floral offerings were profuse. Undertaker C. H. Molloy had charge.

GILLEN—The funeral of Mrs. Martha Gillen took place Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of her daughter, 37 Lagrange street. The bearers were Messrs. James Fife, John Bowers, George Bowers, Thomas Gill, John Boyle and Frank McMahon. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Callahan officiated at the grave. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

MARCOTTE—The funeral of William J. Marcotte took place Sunday from his home, 20 Pleasant street, and services were held at the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I., officiating. Undertaker McDermott has charge of the arrangements and the bearers were Messrs. John J. Cryan, Frank O'Neil, John J. O'Brien and Peter Bernard. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

HARRINGTON—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Harrington was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, 36 Davidson st. Services were held at the Immaculate Conception church, Rev. Fr. Sullivan officiating. The bearers were James Sullivan, Michael McAleer, John McCaffrey, James McMahon, Jeremiah Crowley and George Dunlavey. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

MEEHAN—The funeral of the late Edward Meehan took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons. Funeral services were held at St. Peter's church at 2.30, Rev. Fr. McDermodd officiating. The burial was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

GROVE—The funeral of Hazel E. Grove took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the home of William Dunn, No. 3 Walker avenue. The remains were sent to Boston for interment at Woodlawn cemetery by Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

DEATHS

MEAD—Mr. Patrick Mead, aged 49, of 69 Beech street, Dracut, died at his residence, yesterday. Deceased was a resident of that place for many years past, and he leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his death. He leaves a wife, Ann; four daughters, Mrs. Frank Queenan, Mrs. William Freeman, Mrs. John Mead and Miss Margaret Mead, and five sons, James, Patrick, Peter, Martin and John.

HANNAFIN—Word was received yesterday of the death of Thomas Hannafin, a former resident of this city, at his home at Kansas City, Mo., aged 43 years. He is survived by a wife, one son, and three brothers, Patrick of Providence, and Maurice and Daniel of Lowell, and two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Quinlan of Tyngsboro and Mrs. Anthony Toohey of this city. Arrangements have been made to forward the body to this city.

MILLER—Mrs. Aurelia Miller, widow of the late J. T. Miller and one of the oldest French residents of this city, passed away at her home, 284 Fletcher street, Sunday morning. The deceased was 77 years and 6 months of age. She was very prominently known among the French residents and was a devout and constant attendant at St. Joseph's church.

Mrs. Miller had seven children, three of whom survive her, Miss Ida Miller, Mrs. Edward S. Houle and Mr. Joseph Miller, all of this city. Her other children were Mrs. John Lefebvre of Manchester, N. H., Mrs. Edmond Duprez, Mrs. David A. Parthenais and Miss Florence Miller, all of Lowell, now deceased. Besides her children she also leaves two brothers, Mr. Napoleon Ritchie of San Francisco, Cal., and Mr. Joseph Ritchie of St. Augustine, Florida; and six grandchildren, Walter, Hernire and Mildred Lefebvre of Manchester, N. H.; Florence Duprez of Fall River and Ethel Chalifoux and Irene Parthenais of this city.

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CHIEF OF POLICE

MAY RESIGN AND GO TO THE FRONT.

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Moscow zemstvo today in the presence of a great audience, resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and people. The zemstvo then voted $150,000 for the construction of schoolhouses to mark its satisfaction. It is reported that Chief-of-Police Trepoff, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstrations is about to resign and proceed to the front.

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PITCHED BATTLE

Three Men Fought to the Death

TWO OF THEM WERE KILLED

Trouble Started in Girl's Home

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Lucien and Ira Lucas and the fatal wounding of Octavo Adkins, near Midkiff, in Lincoln county, Sunday night, has been cleared. It was learned yesterday that the shooting was not the work of an assassin, but occurred in a pitched battle in which three persons figured and four persons were shot instead of three. Lucien and Ira Lucas had attended church at Midkiff and on their return in company with Miss Martha Williams, the party stopped at the home of William Adkins. Adkins had forbidden Ira Lucas from visiting at his home and Sunday night when Lucas, his brother and Miss Williams called, the father followed his daughter to the front door. Seeing Lucas, he forbade him entering but invited the remainder of the party in. This so angered Ira Lucas that he drew his revolver and fired into the doorway, the supposition being that he intended to kill the father of the girl. Lucas' bullets went wild, however, and one of them penetrated the body of his sweetheart, Miss Adkins, who fell in the hallway, seriously but not fatally wounded. Adkins by this time had drawn his revolver and Lucien Lucas joined in the shooting which became a battle to the death. Both Lucien and Ira Lucas were killed outright, and their friend, Octavo Adkins, a nephew of William Adkins, was mortally wounded. William Adkins was uninjured but there were several bullet holes in his clothing.

Miss Williams, after her escort had been shot dead, ran from the scene and gave the alarm. When officers arrived, William Adkins surrendered and is now under guard. His daughter is in a critical condition, but attending physicians say she will recover.

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LANDMARK GONE

HOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN HIDING PLACE FOR CHARLEY ROSS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An old house in Sunset park, one of the landmarks of Brooklyn, has been burned. It always has been thought that the house was used as a hiding place for "Charley" Ross immediately after he was kidnapped in Philadelphia.

The house was a relic of revolutionary times and recently had been used by a park watchman as a shelter. Mischievous boys skating on Spot lake snowballed the old watchman and when he gave chase one of them crept up and set it on fire.

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CHIEF TARBOX

Resigned as Head of Newton Police

NEWTON, Dec. 27—Chief of Police Fred A. Tarbox today, tendered his resignation as head of the city's police department and the resignation was accepted. It will take effect February 1.

It is understood that this action averts an investigation of the police department which was threatened so far as the office of chief is concerned at least. It has been generally understood that the mayor intended to prefer charges against the chief and it was announced a day or two ago that the chief would resign. Mayor Weed has positively declined pending definite official action to discuss the situation or disclose the nature of the charges which he intended to bring against the chief. Mr. Tarbox has been away from the city for several days and could not be seen with reference to the matter. The retiring chief was formerly marshal of Biddeford, Maine.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

LIVED IN LYNN

YOUNG GARRITY IS UNDER ARREST IN NEW YORK.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 27.—It was learned today that a young man named J. W. Garrity, who was arrested by Inspector Jacobs of New York in the postoffice in that city Saturday night, has relatives in Lynn. When placed under arrest Garrity told the authorities that he belonged here but the local police did not recall any person of that name. It is learned that Garrity lived in this city up to two years ago. Previously he had served a short sentence for alleged larceny at the jail in Lawrence. After his release his former companions made life unbearable for him by frequently referring to his jail record and in a short time young Garrity went to Providence and obtained employment. Garrity is 22 years old and has a mother and other relatives here. It is not known what Garrity is charged with in New York.

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Christmas has come and gone. The one great festival of the Christian year has sped on the wings of time and the soul of man is richer in the tradition of the birth of Christ. The festival is rich in the tradition of nineteen centuries and it brings gladness to young and old in all lands where the name of Jesus of Nazareth is known. The day was one of well-nigh unalloyed joy in Lowell. On Sunday every church in the city was filled to the doors while the glorious strains of the music of the nativity or the glad songs of children rejoicing in the coming of the "child Jesus," or the earnest words of men who told the story of the dawn of the Christmas era carried the thoughts of all to the manger in Bethlehem.

In all the Roman Catholic churches throughout the city Christmas day was observed with all the impressiveness prescribed by the rubrics of the church enhanced by profuse floral decorations and especially elaborate musical services.

In the Protestant churches there were sermons and special musical programs. The day was crisp, cold and bright and the general joy of the season brought thousands of worshippers to the altar.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

The religious services at St. Michael's church in observance of the birth of Christ were held Sunday morning and evening. All the masses were attended by large congregations and at the parish mass at 10.30 the seating capacity of the church was tested. Many visitors who had come from other cities to spend the holidays with relatives were noticed at the service. Many were attracted by the fine musical program that is a feature of feast days at St. Michael's. The altar was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and greenery and was brilliantly illuminated by the numerous incandescent lights and wax tapers. The priests were vestments of white and gold and there was evidence of the joyous season in every part of the church. Rev. Francis J. Mullin was celebrant of the mass, Rev. E. A. Carney deacon and Rev. Denis Murphy subdeacon.

Rev. John J. Shaw occupied his seat on the gospel side of the sanctuary.

The master of ceremonies was Frank Monahan and the sermon was delivered by Rev. E. A. Carney. The choir under the direction of Mr. James A. Murphy numbered 60 voices and was accompanied by the Pentucket orchestra of Haverhill. Miss Carolyn White presided at the organ. Haydn's mass in C major, No. 5, was sung. The quartet portions of the mass were sustained by the regular quartet of the church, Mrs. Murphy, Miss Nano Gallagher, Messrs. James A. Murphy and Thomas Boulger. The Quonian solo in the Gloria was sung by Mrs. Murphy, whose voice seemed stronger and sweeter than ever. This solo is undoubtedly one of the best in the entire mass and the great range of her voice was never shown to better advantage.

Previous to the sermon Miss Nano Gallagher sang Brizzi's "Veni Creator" a contralto solo, with great feeling and devotion. The grand "Noel" by Van Reyschoot, with tenor solo and chorus was sung at the offertory. Mr. Murphy's clear tenor voice was especially pleasing in the high notes and the chorus was excellent. Mr. Boulger had the solo in the Agnus Dei and his powerful voice filled every part of the edifice. The entire musical portion of the service was even ahead of what the people of St. Michael's are accustomed to and that is saying a great deal. Mr. Murphy takes the greatest interest in the work of the choir and undoubtedly the enthusiasm he shows is inspiring to the members.

At the vesper service in the evening it was almost impossible to get into the church so large was the congregation. People came from all over the city, and many not of the Catholic faith were attracted by the excellence of the musical program.

The officers of the ceremony were Rev. J. J. Shaw, celebrant; Rev. Francis Mullin, deacon; Rev. Denis Murphy, sub-deacon; Rev. Eugene Carney, master of ceremonies. The music was of the same quality as that given at the mass in the morning. The Italian vespers of Cerruti for quartet, chorus, orchestra and organ were given with a degree of confidence that betokened a ready knowledge of the work. Mr. Boulger's singing of the "Tu es sacerdos" was notable for the pleasing and assertive rendition that the singer gave of this beautiful example of Italian legato writing. The duo for soprano and alto sung by Mrs. Mabel Ware Murphy and Miss Nano Gallagher, lavished devotion because of its prayer-like setting, and the interpretation that it received. Particular mention might be made, had we space, of the entire program, it was so well given. What always proves a pleasant feature of the feast day observances at this church was again heard at the vesper service—the singing of Christmas carols by the children of the school. Their work reflected much credit upon their teachers, the Dominican sisters.

THE CRIB.

The crib is erected in the basement at one of the side altars. The representation is perfect, and the figures are all life size. The stable at Bethlehem where the Child was born occupies the entire section of the sanctuary and under the roof which to the visitor seems to be of hewn stone, sit Mary watching over her Little One, and Joseph. The other figures occupy positions around the infant Jesus. Overhead is the star of Bethlehem and the entire arrangement is very devotional and suggests the work of some artist hand. It will remain up until after New Year's and undoubtedly thousands will pay a visit to it during the week.

GIFT TO FR. SHAW.

The chair and pris-dieu for the pastor and the bench for the officers of the services, presented by the Immaculate Conception sodality were used for the first time yesterday. They are elegant pieces of furniture, of solid oak, hand carved, and upholstered in green leather.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

The Christmas services at St. Peter's church were conducted in the usual impressive and solemn manner. The immense church, grand in its every niche and every portion, was made still grander, if that be possible, by the addition of an immense amount of greenery which everywhere was in evidence. Decorations in this church were profuse. Potted plants, evergreens and flowers were tastefully arranged about the sanctuary and the side altars. These together with the lighted tapers, the 500 incandescent lights, the golden candlesticks, and the rich bejeweled vestments, added to the solemnity and impressiveness of the occasion.

The services at this church were at the customary Sunday morning hours, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.30 o'clock. The last mass at 10.30 o'clock was the principal service of the day and a solemn high mass was celebrated. The congregation was fortunate in having for the deacon and the sub-deacon of this mass two natives of the parish and in fact two boys who now reside in the parish. These two young men are now attending college, one of them in the seminary at St. Bonaventure's college, Alleghany, N. Y., his name is James Murray, and having received that dignity only a few days previous to Christmas. The sub-deacon, Mr. James C. Cassidy, is a student at the college of Mt. St. Mary's, and formerly resided in this parish on Chapel street. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. Fr. Mullin. The sermon for the festival was preached by the Rev. Fr. McDermod. The reverend speaker delivered a most eloquent discourse on the birth of the Divine Son of God. His humble birth in the stable was contrasted with the birth of the princes of this world who are brought forth in all the grandeur and splendor that this world can afford, surrounded by luxury and elegance. He congratulated the parishioners on their good work during the past year and sincerely wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Rev. Fr. Heffernan was master of ceremonies at the solemn mass.

The vesper services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Heffernan and he was assisted by Rev. Mr. Murray as deacon and Rev. Fr. McDermod as sub-deacon. Rev. Fr. Heffernan preached the sermon.

The choir was directed by Mr. John Warburton and was assisted by the Middlesex orchestra at both services. The solos were sustained by Mr. James E. Donnelly and Miss Mollie Ivers. Mrs. J. M. McKennedy was organist.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The Christmas service at the Immaculate Conception was of the old-time order for which this church is noted, grand in every feature, decoration, ceremonial and music.

The altar looked handsome with flowers and festoons and lines of greenery that descended from the dome above. These were carried around the sides of the edifice and the massive columns were twined with them, producing altogether a most striking effect.

But the altar itself when illumined with numerous tapers and electric illuminants together with the flaming cross above was a most impressive sight, while the crib representing the nativity, showing the infant Jesus, the shepherds and the miraculous star, was quite realistic.

The music by the choir was inspiring and the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Dorgan, O. M. I., was a touching discourse, treating of the nativity of Christ as a mystery of love, and extending a cordial greeting to the people of the parish, the aged who have been the upbuilders of the church, the young and vigorous, the children and the good sisters in charge of the educational work in the schools.

There were many masses in the early hours, the first at 6 o'clock, and hundreds of communicants approached the altar. At the solemn mass at 10.30 there was a large congregation, including many not of the Catholic belief. The celebrant was Rev. D. A. Sullivan, O. M. I., with Rev. Fr. Lawrence Gschwind, O. M. I., and Rev. J. A. Fitzpatrick, O. M. I., as deacons. The great and impressive feature was the first appearance of the large sanctuary choir of 125 boys and young men, organized and trained during the past three weeks by Fr. Sullivan. They wore cassacks and surplices, with large bows of red ribbon on their breasts. In procession they passed down the centre aisle singing "Holy Night," an arrangement from the German by Fr. Sullivan, and "Morn of Gladness."

Master Carol Sullivan led the procession, carrying a large bouquet of roses.

The solo in the "Holy Night" was beautifully sung by Master Gerald Leane. The choir also sang the responses during the mass with fine effect.

The church choir sang Haydn's Imperial mass, assisted by the American orchestra, which also took part in the vesper service. Mr. P. P. Haggerty conducted with Mrs. Haggerty at the organ.

In the evening solemn musical vespers was celebrated and a very large congregation was present. Rev. Fr. Sullivan's ability as a musical director and composer was well displayed in the musical portion of the service.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The services at St. Patrick's church were of the most elaborate and impressive character. The basement of the church never looked so well, for everything was made cheerful and everyone felt that indeed this was the day on which glad tidings of joy were brought to the hearts of men. Greenery was in evidence and beautiful festoons of evergreen covered the side walls and the pillars. The altar was one blaze of glory. Lighted tapers were everywhere, and these together with the golden vestments of the celebrating priests and the brilliant electric lights made this scene one long to be remembered, and one that the parishioners of St. Patrick's church will ever feel grateful for. The old church which in its way has the most magnificent in the city, and the ceremonial of which outshone in splendor almost all the other churches, was burned about a year ago and since that time the faithful have been obliged to worship in halls and the old basement, but nevertheless the rector, Rev. William O'Brien, determined that this year the feast of Christmas would be observed with all the old time dignity of the Catholic church, and neither he nor his good people were disappointed.

The masses of the day were at the usual Sunday hours, namely, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. The last mass was a solemn high mass. The celebrant was the Rev. Fr. Gratton; deacon, Fr. McHugh; sub-deacon, Fr. Callahan; master of ceremonies, the revered pastor of the church, Fr. O'Brien.

The sermon of the day was preached by Fr. Callahan, who in a most eloquent manner described the birth of the Saviour of the world in the manger. He drew a most touching lesson from the humble birth of the Godman in the humble stable. He spoke of His mission on this earth and of the glad tidings which His coming had for the faithful. He pictured the lowly shepherds tending their flocks on the hillsides when they were surprised with the great light about them and how they became afraid, and how they were assured that they need not fear by the angels who spoke to them and informed them of the birth of Jesus Christ.

A very large congregation attended the solemn vespers in the evening. The celebrant at the vesper service was Rev. Fr. Callahan assisted by the Rev. Frs. McHugh and O'Brien. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Fr. McHugh, who made a very powerful and eloquent effort.

The music for the festival was in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion, and was of the most elaborate kind. The director of the choir, Michael J. Johnson, left no stone unturned to make the musical program equal if not surpass all previous celebrations, and he certainly succeeded beyond his most sanguine hopes.

The choir directed by Mr. Michael J. Johnson and assisted by Hibbard's orchestra, sang special music. The solos of the mass were sustained by Miss Ethel Ranger, Miss Harriet Courtney, Mr. John J. McNabb and Mr. Daniel S. O'Brien.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

The high mass at St. Joseph's church Sunday morning was very largely attended and Rev. Fr. Desroches, O. M. I., officiated with Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Brother Plaisance of Tewksbury as sub-deacon. Rev. Fr. Viaud, O. M. I., delivered the sermon.

L'Abbe Perrault's Christmas mass, the "Missa Dei Onfanti" was sung with excellent effect by the choir under the able direction of Mr. Edouard Vincelette, ensemble and detail alike, showing thorough training of his singers in their parts. Miss Blanche Dextra was at the organ, and Russell's orchestra of Fitchburg also assisted.

A delightful feature of the service was the singing of old French Noels by the children at the offertory. In the evening Rev. Fr. Desroches, O. M. I., celebrated the vesper service with Rev. Fr. Viaud, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Fr. Graton as sub-deacon.

The vespers of the harmonized plain chant were sung for the first time in the church, by a double quartet singing alternately with and without accompaniment. An "Ave Maria," by Cherubini, was also excellently sung by Miss Blanche Dextra, with string quartet accompaniment. The congregation at the vesper service, as at the mass, was very great.

ST. JEAN BAPTISE.

The congregations at the different masses at St. Jean Baptist church Sunday were very large, especially at the high mass which was sung by Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., assisted by Rev. Fr. Diss, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Bro. McCarthy of Tewksbury as sub-deacon. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Fr. Lefebvre, O. M. I., the superior of St. Joseph's parish.

The choir, which was augmented for the occasion, was assisted by Lavigueur's orchestra and the organ accompaniment furnished by Miss Alma Alexander. La Hache's St. Therese mass was sung, and given an excellent rendition under the baton of Dr. George E. Caisse, choirmaster. At vespers, the masterly way in which the long and elaborate musical program was rendered by the choir again delighted a large assembly of the faithful. Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., was the celebrant at vespers and benediction, with Rev. Fr. Diss, O. M. I., as deacon, and Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., as sub-deacon.

The church was beautifully decorated with garlands and wreaths of evergreen, of which there was a profusion. The crib to the left of the main altar, was lighted with red and green bulbs, and with a large electric star of Bethlehem of which the effect was very striking. The main altar was a mass of flowers, with a brilliant display of electric illumination lighting up the whole sanctuary.

AT ST. ANTHONY'S.

St. Anthony's church was tastefully decorated with greenery and streamers in the prevailing Christmas colors of red and green, as well as a profusion of wreaths. The sanctuary was hung with banners on either side of the main altar, which was brilliantly illuminated. Rev. Fr. Rosa, the pastor, officiated and delivered the sermon of the occasion. After mass benediction was sung.

In the afternoon there were no vespers, but a Christmas cantata was sung in the basement of the church by some 35 children of the parish, under the direction of Fr. Rosa. Following the cantata, came a children's entertainment and the distribution of premiums, as well as candy, to the Sunday school pupils having deserved the reward. There were about 150 children present, besides their parents, and all very much enjoyed the singing of the beautiful Christmas cantata.

ST. LOUIS'S CHURCH.

St. Louis's church was prettily decorated. A new crib was attractively set among greenery as a background, proving the delight of the little children of the parish, who visited it in great numbers. In the morning Rev. Fr. Jacques, the pastor, officiated, and Rev. Fr. Gauthier, the curate, preached the sermon. The music was pleasing, Millard's mass in G being sung with fine effect by the choir under the direction of Oller J. David, and with Miss Ida Mongrain at the organ. At the offertory a violin solo was played by Master Albini Foisy.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart yesterday services were held at the usual Sunday hours. At 10.30 o'clock a solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Flynn, O. M. I., and he was assisted by Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Fr. Haley, O. M. I., sub-deacon. Mr. Frank Golden was master of ceremonies and Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I., delivered the sermon, a touching discourse upon the great Christian festival. He extended the Christmas greeting to young and old and explained the spiritual meaning of the birth of Christ. There was a large congregation and the beautiful church was superbly decorated, the altar being aglow with lights and richly adorned with flowers and evergreens.

The vesper services in the evening were conducted by Rev. Fr. Reynolds, O. M. I. He was assisted by Rev. Fr. Flynn, O. M. I., as deacon and Rev. Fr. Fletcher, O. M. I., as sub-deacon.

Mrs. Adelaide Muldoon directed the choir at both the services and the Gregorian music, almost exclusively, was sung.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

Very impressive services were held at St. John's hospital on Christmas day. At four o'clock in the morning the sisters arose and crossed the yard singing the "Adeste Fideles" and at 5.30 o'clock assembled in the chapel which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Three masses were held, all being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Phelan. The first mass was with music and the others low masses. The congregation included the Sisters of Charity, the pupil nurses, the lame, the blind, and the bait among the patients, and a few friends from outside. There was a benediction service at 4 p. m., with very beautiful singing.

The Christmas holiday was well remembered by friends of the hospital, as the gifts show;

Donations, cash, $153.85; several barrels of apples, Boyle Bros.; coffee, tea, jellies, cider, dates, figs, candies, oranges, nuts, cranberries; friends, a bushel of cranberries; friends, 3 dozen of oranges; a friend, candies for nurses and patients; a friend, basket of fruits, George R. Myers, 75 pounds of turkey; friends, flowers for patients; Ladies' of Charity, ice cream, candies and cake; Miss Hay of Shirley, 7 dozen of eggs; Putnam & Son Co., underwear for the poor patients; W. K. Aldrich, kindling wood. Thanksgiving donation: $10.00, apples and vegetables; Rev. Mr. Ford, society of the First Baptist church, sent baskets of fruits, toys and books to the poor sick children.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.

Christmas carols were sung by the surpliced choir of St. Anne's church Sunday evening at the vesper service. The eighteen boys and thirteen men who sang rendered many beautiful selections. The carols sung were "Christian, Awake; Salute the Happy Morn," "Across the Desert Sands By Night," (Dr. George C. Martin); "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep," (Stainer); "There's a Song in the Air," (Harry B. Day); "The Night in Solemn Stillness Lay," (J. G. Smith); and the recessional, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn).

One anthem was sung by the church choir. The choir was under the direction of Mr. E. K. Baldwin. The attendance was large at all of yesterday's services.

HOUSE OF PRAYER.

A midnight mass was celebrated at the House of Prayer in Walker street by Rev. A. C. Chapman.

At eight o'clock Sunday morning a service was held and at nine o'clock holy communion was celebrated.

The regular services came at 10.30. Rev. Mr. Chapman preached a sermon on Christmas. Last evening vespers were held at 7 o'clock. The church was handsomely decorated and the various services were all largely attended.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A carol hymn service at 7 o'clock drew a large congregation to St. John's church last night. The Sunday school children sang the hymns. The church was decorated. Rev. L. C. Manchester preached at the morning service, on Christmas.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

At St. Paul's church the morning sermon was preached by Rev. George B. Dean, the pastor, and in the evening the Sunday school gave a Christmas concert. Those who took part in the concert were Doris and Edith Williamson, Louise Best, Adra Fessenden, Raymond Hager, Mildred and Ella McKewin, Lilla Campbell, Althea Fling and Isabella Fessenden. There were several department numbers and class and choir selections and Mr. Martin of the choir sang a solo. During the evening the pastor made brief remarks to the children and the superintendent of the Sunday school, Victor H. Meister, also spoke. Those who had charge of the arrangements were Mrs. Charles C. Howard, Mrs. E. J. Richardson, Miss Grace Coburn, Miss Martha Bradley, Mrs. Charles Drew and Miss Emma Drew. Charles Judge had the arrangement of the decorations.

ELIOT CHURCH.

The service at the Eliot Congregational church was very impressive and largely attended; and the church was very prettily decorated. The singing of the double quartet was excellent and the program which was long and varied was well carried out.

The boys' choir gave an anthem and the solo was well sung by Master Samuel Wright. Mrs. Roberts' solo was also a beautiful number.

In the evening the usual Sunday school concert was given under the direction of Supt. Hull.

KIRK STREET CHURCH.

The Christmas service at the Kirk street church was very largely attended Sunday, the auditorium being prettily decorated with holly, laurel and red flowers. Rev. George E. Martin, D.D., not only arranged an attractive program for the day, but also had the program printed, it being a very attractive souvenir.

The choir was in excellent voice, and sang very effectively. The anthem, "The Nativity," was especially finely sung, and Edward R. Wirt sang "A Christmas Song," the words and music of which were written by the pastor. The sermon in the morning was on the theme, "The Great Christmas Tone," and bore the message of the day.

At the session of the Sunday school, Henry A. Smith was re-elected superintendent of the Sunday school, and Miss Belle F. Batchelder, superintendent of the juvenile department.

The Boys' club of the church, which contributed to the singing of the evening service, held a very interesting meeting with Dr. Martin in the church vestry at 4.30 o'clock. J. W. C. Pickering gave a talk. Christmas pictures were thrown upon the stereopticon screen, and plans were discussed for the coming annual banquet.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas concert at the Immanuel Baptist church Christmas night. The Sunday school children gave the concert under the direction of Supt. Geo. B. Williams and the program carried out was a very pleasing one.

Mr. John H. Davis directed the musical section of the program, and Miss Gertrude French played the organ for the choir, and Mrs. Williams acted in the capacity of organist for the Sunday school. Rev. Mr. True's subject at the morning service was "Christmas and Its Lessons."

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

At the First Universalist church the rostrum was decorated with festoons of greenery with a great red Christmas bell as a centre piece and numerous bouquets of cut flowers were in evidence. At the four o'clock service in the afternoon the choir, assisted by a supplementary quartet, sang the Christmas cantata, "The Holy Child." The congregation was large and appreciative. Mrs. Helen Hamilton Taylor presided at the organ.

CENTRALVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

The services at this church yesterday were of great interest and the services were well attended.

The pastor, Rev. F. M. Pickles, was assisted in the morning services by Rev. E. D. Lupien of the French Methodist church of this city. After prayer by the pastor, Miss Cora Titus sang "The Bells of Bethlehem," Mr. Pickles preached from Luke 2: 10,11. The evening concert by the Sunday school was one of the best ever given in the church. Gardner Wills led in the Scripture reading and brief remarks were made by Charles F. Taplin and the pastor. Miss Eleanor Daggett presided at the organ during the day. The singing was well supported by Mr. Clifford Plummer, violinist, Mr. Benjamin Smith, cello, Mr. Silas Shattuck, trombone, and Arthur Stevens, piccolo.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church gave a concert Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with plants, cut flowers and green festooning. The decorations were by Walter Durrough, a former Sabbath school scholar and he was tendered a vote of thanks. The program was very pretty and was beautifully carried out.

HE DIED OF JOY

On Receiving a Long Expected Xmas Present

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Louis Simon, a 6-year-old boy, whose joy over receiving his long expected Christmas presents was so great that he was seized with an attack of heart failure, is dead at a hospital of paralysis of the heart.

When he awoke Christmas morning and saw his gifts on the floor, beside his bed, his delight knew no bound. Shortly afterward he was stricken with the attack which culminated in his death. The lad's parents are prostrated.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton: Futures opened steady. Dec. ofd. 7.30, Jan. 7.24, Feb. 7.32 bid, March 7.36, April —, May 7.47, June 7.52 @ 7.53, July 7.60, Aug. 7.60 bid, Sept. —, Oct. 7.61 @ 7.64.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Brought to the Hearts of the Little Ones

Salvation Army Fed 400 Homeless—Sunday School and Other Observances—Christmas Trees

The Christmas holiday passed in Lowell without very much excitement. The religious observances of the festival had been held on Sunday and there was nothing to do yesterday until evening, but to gather about the fireside, call on one's friends, drop in at the club, or go skating or riding. It was the real holiday, however, and the little folk amused themselves with dolls and games that Santa Claus brought to them from the polar regions. Mothers prepared toothsome dinners and the men tried out their new briars. The jollifications of the day were many and varied. The Salvation Army dinner was really the big feature of the day, and the Christmas trees in the churches in the evening were attended with great interest and much pleasure.

SANTA CLAUS' VISIT.

The feature of the Christmas celebration of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church was the appearance of a real Santa Claus, who distributed all kinds of good things. The celebration was held in the basement of the church last evening and was in charge of the following: Mr. Charles Midgeley, Mrs. James Myers and Mrs. Mabel Brown.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

There was a very beautiful entertainment and Cantata by the children of the Immanuel Baptist church last evening. The cantata was given under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams. To these two and the pastor of the church great credit must be given. Twenty-five young girls and boys took part in the entertainment and these together with the rest of the girls and boys of the Sunday school were given expensive presents.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CHURCH.

The young people and the children of the First Trinitarian church held an exceedingly merry time last evening in the vestry of the church. The first part of the entertainment was given by the pastor of the church, and it consisted of a stereoptican lecture. Several illustrated songs sung in very nice voice by Miss Elizabeth E. Spofford added greatly to the enjoyment of this portion of the entertainment.

Several of the children, under the direction of Mrs. George E. Ames, gave a little Christmas play, entitled "A Surprise Party," which naturally led up to the entrance of Santa Claus and the distribution of the gifts.

Walter Robinson was Santa Claus, and wore a new outfit made for the occasion by Mrs. A. J. Fesler. This will be the property of the Sunday school, and will be kept for future Christmas days.

FOUR HUNDREED GUESTS DINED.

More than 400 hungry mortals were fed at the Salvation Army barracks in Shattuck street yesterday. For weeks the members of the local corps had been collecting pennies from the Christmas shoppers with paper mache turkeys. This money was expended in buying food for the poor and the result was gratifying to the men and women who stood upon the street corners, braving wind and storm in the pursuit of their mission. By this charitable undertaking many hearts were made glad.

The dinner served by the army yesterday was under the direction of Captain and Mrs. Riley and the majority of those who sat at the tables were boys and girls. There were a good many strange faces at the table, too, and they were mostly of hobo pattern. The influx of tramps into the city on Christmas day never fails. They know that the Salvation Army hands out a warm dinner and they visit the cities to share the dinner. One of the policemen who was on duty at the barracks yesterday said that more hoboes passed in and out yesterday than he had ever seen at one time and place in Lowell.

Small pinched faces told the story of want and the glad, satisfied smile that came to the face of the street urchin when the inner boy had been satisfied was good to see. It required several sittings to accommodate the hungry ones and those who went last fared as well as those who sat at the first table. Disorder was out of the question and with the exception of a missilp with a knife, in his endeavor to "stog" his stomach, the small boy had a good time. In a good many instances, of course, his eyes were larger than his stomach and he ate so fast that he filled up all too soon. The crowd, however, was a happy one and the good work of the Salvation army was made plain by voice and action.

AYER HOME.

The Christmas exercises at the Ayer Home were held Saturday evening. Twenty-two inmates of the home, several of the directors and a number of the former inmates were present.

The children sang and recited, and presents were distributed from the tree. Every child got something and all received small packages of candy and nuts. A Christmas dinner was given the children Sunday.

DAY NURSERIES.

At the Kirk Street Day nursery, the matron being ill was unable to take charge of the festivities Saturday afternoon. About 30 children received presents from the large Christmas tree. There were songs and recitations by the children, and they were treated to ice cream, fruit, candy and nuts.

About 40 children, ranging from two to ten years of age, were at the celebration at the First Street nursery. The older children recited, and all joined in the singing. Every one received something from Santa Claus, and after the exercises the children were treated to ice cream and cake. In the 40 were many to whom this good time was the one bright spot in their lives for many months.

AT BILLERICA.

Christmas was observed in a very appropriate manner by the churches of Billerica on Sunday. At the Unitarian church Rev. E. S. Wiefs spoke on "Christmas" and the choir carried out a very pleasing program.

At the Orthodox church, Rev. J. H. Dale spoke on "What is Christmas?" and his discourse was very interesting. The choir assisted notably in the service and dispensed very select numbers.

The Chritmas services at the Baptist church were of exceptional merit, and Rev. T. P. Evans spoke on the subject of Christmas. In the evening, a concert was given by the young people of the parish and was largely attended.

PASTOR SURPRISED.

Elder W. A. Morang, pastor of the Union Free Baptist mission, was agreeably surprised at his residence, 242 Appleton street, last evening, when about forty of his parishioners called and presented him with a well filled purse.

The following program was carried out during the evening:

Singing, chorus eight voices; prayer by pastor, W. A. Morang; the presentation speech by Dea. A. J. Boies; singing, chorus; solo, Mrs. Jessie Norton; recitation, Mrs. M. E. Bride; singing, chorus; recitation, Miss Lena Bigelow; recitation, Mr. C. A. Bride; singing, chorus; violin solo, Mrs. Jessie Norton; recitation, Mrs. M. E. Bride; recitation, Mrs. C. M. Hill; singing, chorus; recitation, Mrs. Lizzie Nichols; recitation, Mrs. Jessie Norton; closing hymn, "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again;" benediction, W. A. Morang.

BRANCH ST. TABERNACLE.

At the Branch St. Tabernacle last evening the young folks of the parish and the Sunday school held a most delightful Santa Claus party. Presents o fcaidy and other gifts were distributed and everybody was made happy. Those in charge of the affair were Clarence Harrington, F. G. McGregor and Noble Charlton.

MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

At the Ministry-at-Large Christmas carols were sung Sunday night and a Christmas tree laden with presents was one of the features enjoyed by the children.

TRUANT SCHOOL.

The Christmas celebration at the North Chelmsford truant school was enjoyed by 130 boys. A musical and literary program was carried out in the afternoon, and in the evening there was a concert by the band. The boys wer also treated to a special dinner.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST.

The children of the First Universalist Sunday school had their Christmas tree at 6.30 last evening. The brief entertainment program included songs by Miss Lillian Salmon, remarks by the pastor, and the event of most importance to the children, the appearance of a real Santa Claus, who made a generous distribution of gifts from the tree.

THE CITY FARM.

Christmas festivities at the city farm commenced Saturday night and will come to a close tonight with a fine minstrel show, the talent being from the outside. Saturday night a Christmas tree was the attraction in the chapel for the children and Supt. Donlan saw that the place was very prettily decorated.

Sunday the inmates of the farm were given a roast pork dinner and yesterday roast beef, juicy and well gravied, was the fare. Saturday night the more talented inmates gave a concert that was pronounced "hang up." The phonograph got in its good work at this time, also.

Tonight the good times will come to an end. Several of the city's best known singers and instrumentalists will go up to the Chelmsford street resort and will dispense their very best.

WANT to buy partly filled dark blue trading stamp books at once. Wheeler, 63 Willow street.

TO LET—Nice sunny tenement of seven rooms, cor. Floyd and Mead sts. Inquire at 16 Floyd st. Rent low.

Special Presents
—FOR—
Christmas
Boys' and Girls' Sleds, Dolls and Doll Carriages given with a pound of our 50c Tea.
227 Central St.
O'Brien Bros
TEA DEALERS.
227 Central St.

Some Masters of Christmas Fiction and Their Work; The Pioneer Genius of This Kind Was an American

THE impression prevails in many a well informed household that Charles Dickens was the inventor of that delectable literary variant, the Christmas story. Master of this species of composition that he was, the creator of Pickwick was by no means first in the field. Like so many other good things, the earliest distinctively Christmas English written story came from the fertile brain of an American.

In 1819 "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.," appeared in New York, and a few months later it was reproduced in London by John Murray, the dean of British publishers. It went into numerous editions and was translated into many languages. The name of Washington Irving became known in all civilized countries, and the demand for a successor to "The Sketch Book" was unmistakable. Mr. Irving, however, was not a writer whose inspiration was subject to popular demand; he waited three years before publishing "Bracebridge Hall." When it came it met every expectation. There was no falling off, and it was conceived in the same vein of tender good humor and genial companionship that distinguished his earlier work. The chapter entitled "Christmas Eve at Bracebridge Hall" is the gem of the collection, and it passed speedily to first place in holiday literature.

It is characteristic of literary geniuses to ascribe their popularity to some effort little known to the public. Thackeray declared that he owed his reputation to the fact that he had written the Christmas tale entitled "Mrs. Perkins' Ball." This is an especially amusing example of literary obtuseness, for "Vanity Fair" had just been published. Nevertheless it may be true, for Thackeray had so little faith in that novel that he applied for a small government position immediately after it was published. "Mrs. Perkins' Ball" is a charming bit of holiday fiction, but it is dwarfed into comparative insignificance by the magnitude of the other work.

Although Charles Dickens was not the originator of the Christmas story, he was certainly a most successful follower of the delightful art of constructing them. No other story writer has shown an equal capacity to produce the real Yuletide atmosphere at will and fill it with the never-to-be-doubted denizens of the holiday world. His Christmas cheer is the actual joyousness of the holy season, and his Christmas sorrow is not a whit less real. Even his Christmas ghosts are like the disembodied spirits of no other season. And his ghosts, by the way, are the ghosts of a mortal who has once had so great faith in them that no lapse of time or stress of circumstance can shatter that belief. Critics cavil over Dickens' mortals, but no one has presumed to doubt his ghosts. They are seldom insignificant and never supernumerary; they are provided with a presence which is never wanting. They live even though they be dead.

When Bret Harte wrote that exquisite inspiration "Dickens in Camp" he did not know that the great master of Christmas fiction, then gone to his long rest, had ever looked upon any scrap of his literary handiwork. He did not know until long afterward that shortly before his death the generous English novelist spoke admiringly of the gifted young far westerner and declared to those about him that Harte had caught his own manner to a turn, and his Christmas manner at that. Harte always preserved his fondness for the Christmas season and, according to his biographer, "kept up to the last the fond and foolish custom of sending presents to his friends." "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is one of the most dainty holiday idyls ever penned.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Christmas Banquet" and Mary Russell Mitford's "Christmas Party" are as dissimilar both in plan and in treatment as two holiday compositions well could be. Like Dickens, Hawthorne was constrained by his artistic sense of justice from excluding ghosts from his Christmas festivities. But his apparitions and presences are not the cheery and well behaved spooks who come obedient to the call of the English magician. They are of the psychological and creepy order, requiring counter influences to repel them, and they have retained absolutely nothing mortal in their makeup. Of course they are genuine ghosts, but they do not fit into the holiday scheme.

Miss Mitford did not deal with the supernatural. She found her inspiration in the things that are, and she concocted a very dainty and appetizing Christmas feast out of life's ever present and most apparent realities. Even now her delicate imagery is fair and very sweet, but it is the fragrance of the faded lavender which lies in the long disused cabinet of her literary gems.

JAMES L. TREVATHAN.

A WOLF HUNT.

The most northern point of Scandinavia, or Finland, is inhabited by Laps. They are divided into mountain and field Laps. The latter live in the valleys and are employed chiefly in agriculture; the former keep to the mountains, and they are very wealthy, owing to their immense herds of reindeer, which graze summer and winter in the open.

If the snow is very deep in winter the herds are brought down to the more sheltered valleys. In spite of constant watchfulness they are even there not safe from the invasion of wolves, whom hunger drives down to the lowland from the forests. The mountain Laps in consequence organize wolf hunts during the winter.

They pursue the animals on ski, or snowshoes, and, owing to the great speed at which they can get over the frozen snow, they soon overtake the flying beasts and kill them. The huntsmen carry nothing but a short, heavy spear, which they drive home with a practiced hand. Only when wounded do the wolves attack their pursuers; otherwise the cowardly brutes seek safety in flight.

Thomas W. Lawson, Noted Bear Operator and Author

THE prominence attained by Thomas W. Lawson of Boston in the recent financial upheaval in Wall street, the especial feature of which was a well organized and persistent raid upon the property known as Amalgamated Copper and which resulted in a notable depreciation of many other securities, makes the history of his connection with the copper trust of public interest.

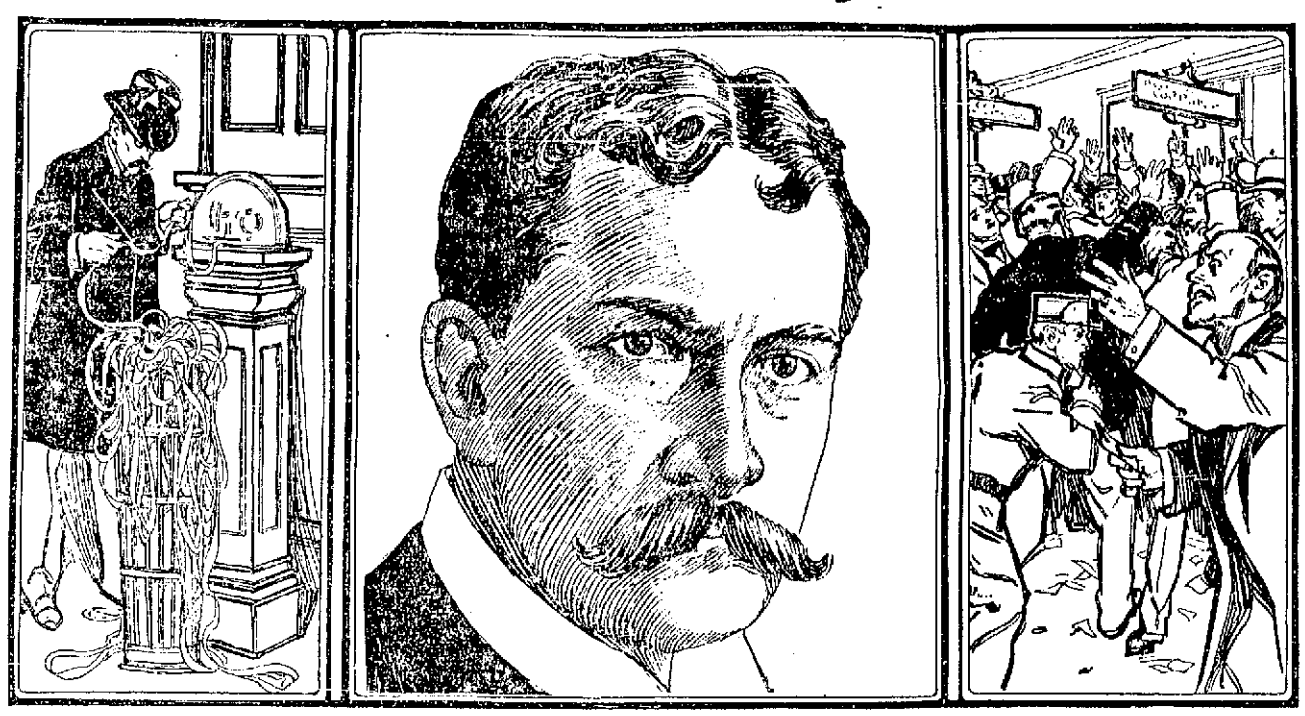
During a somewhat varied career in the speculative world Mr. Lawson had become familiar with the enormous profits made in "coppers"—that is, the securities of Lake Superior and other copper mines held in Boston. He had occasionally dabbled a little in these stocks, but his real entry into the copper investment field was the result of a fortuitous circumstance which is worth relating.

One day about ten years ago while standing at the ticker in his office in Boston a newspaper man who was a particular friend of Lawson dropped in and remarked in an offhand way: "Tom, Butte and Boston mine is going to shut down. Tackle it and sell short, and you'll win." Without further urging Lawson stepped to the telephone and gave heavy orders to sell Butte short. His raid made a stir at once. The copper company denounced him and the story of the shutdown. Nevertheless the mine did suspend operations. Lawson sold the stock from $16 down to 75 cents a share. Then he bought until he had a controlling interest in 200,000 shares of the common stock.

With this influence he was prepared to force a reorganization. He did so, and from that time he has been a power in "coppers." Four years ago his stock was worth $116 a share, and it formed the cornerstone of the new Amalgamated Copper company, which was organized in the spring of 1901 under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of $155,000,000. He is virtually the founder of Amalgamated, and without him it never would have existed. From the moment when he began to sell Butte short in the stock market Lawson's progress in the financial world has been meteoric. He soon became sole owner of a producing mine, Trinity, valued at more than $6,000,000, and his holdings in Amalgamated and other mines were soon double that amount.

Lawson was born with the bear instinct. Before he went largely into copper he was known as the most persistent bear in the Boston market. He was regarded as the ideal operator for the short side. He had good judgment, and he was cool enough to withstand all shocks. His methods were daring and original. He has had no reason to abandon them, and they are the same today as they were at first. Armed with facts, real or otherwise, he enters the arena prepared to shove a stock down to the last notch. At the same time he assails it in the press with arguments and statements that cannot be met at the moment, and all the time he is selling it short in enormous blocks. At first these tactics unnerved the market sadly. It had never occurred to anybody that a stock could be bombarded in the newspapers. Lawson established the reputation of being a hard hitter, and his blows left a mark. Nobody had ever before had the assurance to come forward and pound a stock so openly and so apparently aboveboard. His course of procedure was not only novel, but it made the business world reckon with him and fear him.

Mr. Lawson has plenty of friends and brigades of enemies. No man is more cheerfully hated, and there are those who owe everything to his kindness. He is a fighter, but he has shown more than once that he is not merciless. Without depreciating the merits of others, he has an excellent opinion of his own inherent good qualities. Hear him:



THOMAS W. LAWSON, HERO OF "FRENZIED FINANCE."

"Men say I advertise myself; they are wrong. I have nothing to sell. I am not in the business of making money, but of spending it. Making money is the easiest thing I can do, but I must keep on making it, millions of it, for I have many dependent on me, and I am now filling in a great picture I have cherished from my youth—the picture painted by ambition. Until it is done I must keep on."

Lawson began his so called "frenzied finance" campaign with a series of magazine articles, the first of which was published last July. In his introduction he promised to throw light upon the inside workings of Amalgamated Copper. Following these articles, which have been largely read and commented upon, numerous advertisements have appeared in the newspapers from time to time advising everybody to buy this stock. It was affirmed that the stock would reach 100.

Then his tactics underwent a change. He began to flood the papers with letters and advertisements declaring that the copper trust was fraudulent in its conception and that the Standard Oil people had bought the concern for $39,000,000 and sold it to the public at a fabulous advance. He gave it as his honest opinion that the company was certain to come to grief and speedily. He advised everybody to sell and at whatever figure could be obtained. He is said to have intimated that he would ask for the appointment of a receiver to wind up the affairs of the concern. It was a masterly achievement, but it smacks of the methods of the plunger.

EGBERT O. WOODSON.

POSTOFFICE PUZZLES.

The ease with which a mistake can be made by British postoffice sorters can be illustrated by mentioning the number of places bearing similar names to post towns. For instance, there are thirty-two Kingstons in seventeen different counties, fifty-nine Newtons situated in nearly as many counties, sixteen Newports, thirteen Bradfords, nineteen Holywells, seventeen Bridgends, six Newmarkets, thirty-six Redhills, thirteen Southends, twenty-eight Stonehouses, forty-seven Suttons, etc. This was in the evidence given before the committee inquiring into postoffice wages.

Notable Female Exponents of the Art of Swindling

THE recent exposure of the unique career of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, who for the past few years has been obtaining large sums of money upon $5,000,000 alleged securities, makes her life history, a singularly complete record of criminal duplicity, of timely interest.

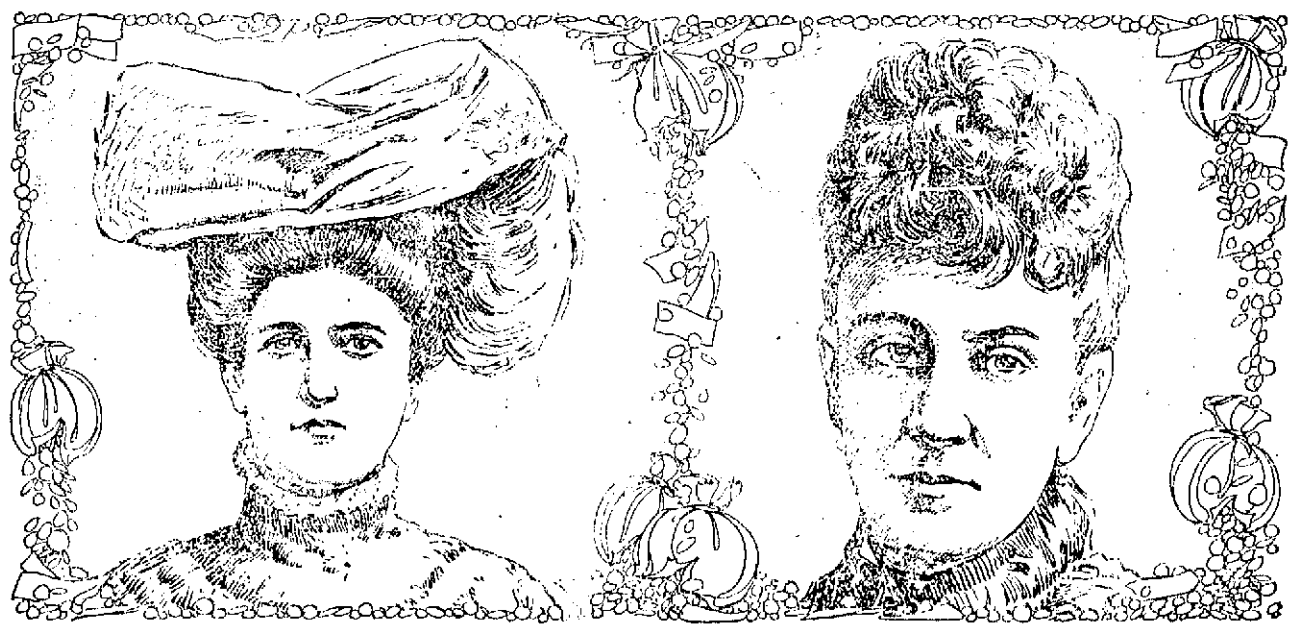
Elizabeth Bigley, who is alleged to be the present Mrs. Chadwick, was born in the early fifties in the province of Ontario. Her father was a poor farmer, and she was one of eight children. She was bright, but not pretty, and on account of her peculiar ways was not liked. She had a mania for spending money and acquired a wonderful ability in obtaining goods under false pretenses. When still a young girl she forged a note and was tried for the offense, but was acquitted on the ground of insanity. She was next heard from as the bride of a Dr. W. S. Springsteen in Cleveland, O. She had been posing for a few weeks as an Irish heiress and capitalist, and the doctor was fascinated by the combination. On the night of the wedding installment men came in, carried off all the furnishings of her elegant apartment and the doctor forsook her.

For several years after this she traveled under various aliases, practicing clairvoyancy and obtaining large sums of money from a number of specious schemes. At the end of the eighties she sent word to her relatives that she had married an elderly man, C. L. Hoover, who died soon afterward, leaving her a wealthy widow with a son. In 1888, according to a woman who claims to be her sister, she reappeared at Toledo, O., as Mme. De Vere, clairvoyant. Here she came to grief, was tried for forgery and was sentenced to nine and a half years in the Ohio penitentiary, serving three and a half and then being paroled by Governor McKinley.

Some years later Mrs. Hoover reappeared in Cleveland with her old makeshift of clairvoyant and masseuse. In the latter capacity she was employed by Dr. Leroy Shippen Chadwick, a wealthy invalid with a home on Euclid avenue. He married her, and they lived handsomely and to all appearance happily in the beautiful house. For several years this peaceful condition prevailed, and the Chadwicks led a life which was a most perfect semblance of refined and felicitous domesticity. Mrs. Chadwick availed herself of the opportunity and made numerous friends among influential business men. But her genius for deception could not sleep. The story of her culminating series of operations is the proof of that.

The only other adventuress of the present decade whose swindling operations surpass in magnitude and duration those of Mrs. Chadwick is the famous Mme. Therese Humbert, who is now an inmate of a French penitentiary. This clever woman, endowed with scant personal attractions and occupying a humble position in her earlier life, invented a scheme whereby she was able to deceive the most capable financiers in France. Her operations were conducted upon such a scale of financial eminence that judges, courts and even high government officials were concerned in their development. The exact details of this unprecedented series of forgeries and misrepresentations if found within the pages of the most pronounced and most imaginative of fiction would at once be condemned by the critics as an impossibility. Yet it was so plausible in the hands of Mme. Humbert that she was successful in keeping intact its framework of deception for almost a natural lifetime.

Born Therese d'Autignac, she adopted the profession of nurse and, according to her own story, was employed in that capacity to attend a Mr. Henry Robert Crawford, an American who had been taken desperately ill at Nice. After his death she produced a will in which she was named as sole heiress to the Crawford estate of $20,000,000. Before she had been put in actual possession of the fortune two young nephews of the dead man came to her with a will of the same date as hers, but dividing the estate into three equal parts—one for each of the nephews and one for Therese's younger sister, Marie, on condition that the young men place in France a sum sufficient to produce a life annuity of 360,000 francs for Therese.



MRS. CASSIE L. CHADWICK. "MME. DE VERE."

The nephews, it was reported, were most considerate. They did not need the money, and they were willing to conform to their uncle's desire to unite the families by marriage. One of the brothers proposed to Therese, but she persuaded him to transfer his affections to her sister Marie, which he obligingly did. Then the brothers went away and left Therese in charge of their uncle's millions. When Marie reached her majority she broke the engagement, and the brothers, who before going had appointed Therese Marie's guardian and made the elder sister custodian of the entire estate, did not return to demand a division. To compel them to make a satisfactory settlement Therese began suit against them. The brothers did not appear, but were represented by counsel. This loudly trumpeted litigation was the deus ex machina of the plot. It occupied the place of honor in the French courts for years, and enormous sums were paid for fees and costs. Therese, who had married a lawyer named Humbert, had an immense safe built into the wall of her house and locked therein the Crawford millions, of which she was the sole custodian. Upon this plea she obtained immense sums from banks and capitalists, and everybody was eager to lend money to the woman who could give such ample security. The strangest part of the whole strange affair is that the swindle went on for a quarter of a century before it was made apparent that there had never been any Crawford, uncle or nephews, any fortune, any substance at all to the gigantic mockery—nothing but Mme. Humbert and her victims.

Another phenomenal adventuress who is recalled by the Chadwick affair is the notorious Frenchwoman, Emerancienne Boudeau, who masqueraded under the title of Princess de la Tour-d'Auvergne and whose final coup d'état resulted in the domestic cyclone in the family of Casimir-Perier and his resignation as president of the French republic. So clever were her methods and so plausible were her representations that her victims were numbered by hundreds among the leading men of France. She lived in great magnificence and was renowned for her charities and gifts to the church. She obtained millions through fraudulent transactions, and financiers of established reputations seemed to be anxious to deal with her. She also was an exceedingly unattractive woman, fifty years of age, with a gaunt figure and a fierce and determined expression. Finally she invented a scheme which involved the president and many other notables, and it miscarried. The bogus princess was exposed and sentenced to a term of imprisonment at hard labor.

The career of Georgina Weldon, an American woman with a shiftless husband whom she supported for awhile by teaching music, was unique in its duplicity. Weary of her marital bondage and the starvation results of her labor, she sat down one day in her dismal home and devised a scheme which for originality and boldness of conception is not surpassed in the record of female swindlers. She sold everything she possessed and with the proceeds paid her way to Paris, which she had selected as the field of her operations. At that time Charles Gounod was the most famous composer in the world and was at the zenith of his reputation as a musician. Mrs. Weldon's plan took cognizance of this fact, and she presented herself at the master's house and craved the great man's advice in reference to her wish to establish a studio in Paris. She was so deferential and so modest in her manner that Gounod was completely disarmed. In a few weeks she obtained from the maestro a letter in which he stated that Mrs. Weldon's method of voice culture was the best he had ever known. Fortified with this, the adventuress flew to Gladstone and in a short time succeeded in extracting a similar autograph opinion from him. Returning to Paris armed with these powerful credentials, she opened a musical salon which soon became the talk of the continent. Her influence over Gounod became so pronounced that he yielded himself unreservedly to all of her plans for securing the immense sums of money which went into her extravagant establishment. She finally captured him bodily and kept him, now grown old and mentally enfeebled, a nonresisting prisoner. At last his family obtained possession of him, and she brought suit against the composer for $50,000. Strangest of all, she won her suit. A few years later Mrs. Weldon lived in a squalid quarter and sold newspapers for a livelihood.

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.
From Merrimack St.

5.45, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 8 45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.46	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.28	7.40	6.30	7.28
6.33	7.50	7.34	8.54
6.43	7.53	8.26	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.37
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.43	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.51
8.37	9.40	1.00	1.37
9.33	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.37
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.01
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	6.37
1.56	2.30	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.54
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.08
5.49	7.00	8.30	9.08
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.20	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.
From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.55	7.30	8.31
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.31
9.25	10.35	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.05	1.20	2.15	3.20
12.50	2.00	3.36	4.50
2.30	3.33	4.59	5.40
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.02
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
5.06	6.46	9.40	10.35
6.15	7.10	*11.15	12.13
7.00	8.00		
9.30	10.28		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.26	8.00	9.1
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.55	4.50	4.05	6.25
5.35	6.53		
8.02	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.49	11.30	
9.20	10.15	1.00	1.57
2.25	3.27	5.00	5.59
5.29	6.30	7.30	8.08
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.08
		9.00	10.02

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RECEIVED SON OF AMEER OF AFGHANISTAN.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, received Prince Inayal Ullah, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, with great ceremony at noon today in the throne room at the government house. Both the viceroy and the prince were attended by brilliant staffs. The scene was most effective and the prince was evidently delighted with his reception.

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HOTEL DAMAGED

Riotous Soldiers Took Possession of It

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With fixed bayonets, 75 soldiers from the One Hundred and First and Eighty-Seventh companies, United States Artillery, stationed at Fort Totten, L. I., have charged on a hotel near the post. Fifty patrons fled by way of the back doors.

The artillerymen were celebrating Christmas in a noisy manner and took possession of the hostelry and piled their guns and haversacks. The proprietor hastened to a near-by telephone station and got word to Captain Murray, commandant at Fort Totten, who sent a corporal's guard to bring in the riotous soldiers.

A fight ensued in which the plate glass in front of the hotel and the bar was smashed. Doors were torn from the hinges in the attempt of the soldiers to break away from the guard and the place was pretty well wrecked. After a long chase the soldiers were caught and taken back to the fort.

BRUTAL ATTACK

Store Keeper Was Assaulted and Robbed

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Milton Cheerl, the proprietor of a candy store, was brutally beaten by four white men and a negro on a South End street today and robbed of a gold watch and $263 in bank notes. The man made his way in a half-unconscious condition to a nearby police station. A general search for the assailant was begun.

HUNT SHOT DEAD

DOUGHERTY TRIED TO EMULATE WILLIAM TELL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—While Elmer Hunt, 19 years old, balanced a bottle on his head, Wm. Dougherty, who having boasted of his prowess as a marksman, it is alleged, attempted to emulate Wm. Tell by shooting the bottle. At the second shot, Hunt fell to the floor with a bullet between his eyes and died almost immediately. Dougherty escaped and the police are searching for him.

CHANGES IN GARRISON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Several changes will take place soon in the garrison of the Cantonment at the Presidio. On Feb. 1 the Twenty First infantry, now there, will leave for the Philippines, being relieved at the Presidio by the Sixth infantry from Fort Leavenworth, Kas. The Eighteenth infantry, now homeward bound, from the Philippines, will proceed on arrival to Leavenworth to replace the Sixth infantry, which later on will proceed to the Philippines to replace the Fifteenth infantry which will come here.

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OLD RESIDENT

ALPHEUS C. BRANN, GATETENDER OF TALBOT MILLS.

Alpheus C. Brann of No. Billerica Dead

Alpheus C. Brann, aged 71 years, 3 months and 21 days, an old and esteemed resident of North Billerica, died yesterday morning at his home on Talbot avenue in that town after a brief illness. Deceased had been apparently in the best of health until last Friday morning when he received a paralytic shock from which he never recovered. He was well known throughout the town and was a very familiar figure, having been for the past 18 years gate tender of the Talbot mills.

The deceased was born in Windsor, Me., Sept. 5, 1833, and removed at an early age to Monticello, a small town in the same state, living there until he was 18, when he went to sea. He followed a seafaring life for a number of years, sailing on trading vessels which plied between New York and New Orleans. He also sailed on transatlantic vessels sailing between New York and ports in Spain and England.

Mr. Brann went West in 1859 and for some time worked in the mines in California and Nevada.

He located in North Billerica in October, 1871, and was employed by the Talbot Company as foreman of their stable and later as teamster for the same company. He was also employed as foreman in the old logwood mill, which position he held for a long period. In the fall of 1881 he left North Billerica, going to New York to accept a responsible position in the Brush Electric Light Company. Mr. Brann returned in 1884, coming to Lowell, where he was located for a short time. He came to North Billerica for the second time, in 1886 and shortly after was given charge of the fulling room of the Talbot mills. For the past 11 years he has been gate tender for the same company. Mr. Brann was married twice, the first time to Miss Susan E. Smith in Rockland, Me. His first wife died in 1886 and in 1891 he was married to Mrs. Ellen Haigh in North Billerica. Deceased was a man of kindly instincts and was devoted to every good cause.

He is survived by a widow, one son, Charles D. Brann, two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Ingalls of Haverhill, Mrs. Ned M. Simonds of North Billerica and two stepdaughters, Misses Elizabeth and Louise Haigh, also of North Billerica.

TRAINS CRASHED

The Passengers Had a Very Narrow Escape

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 27.—A rear-end collision on the B. & A. railroad at Woodlawn between Springfield and Westfield yesterday morning wrecked a locomotive of the express due in Boston at 11.20 a.m. and six cars of a fast freight.

Henry Merritt, aged 60, of Pittsfield, engineer of the express, received a bad scalp wound and lacerations and was scalded on both legs below the knees by escaping steam. Frank Wheeler, aged 25, of Springfield, a fireman, was uninjured.

The passengers on the express were thrown about the seats and into the aisles, but all save one, whose face came in contact with a seat when the crash came, escaped with slight bruises and a severe shaking up.

In the freight train were about 20 cars, three loaded with 200 hogs consigned to Brighton. Two of the hog cars were totally demolished and caught fire and burned. Approximately 75 hogs were either killed outright or maimed and the remainder were dumped promiscuously beside the tracks and were running wild over the country during the day, to the delight of thousands of sightseers.

Those slightly injured were butchered and sold to clamoring buyers at an average price of $3.00 apiece. Those escaping injury were housed by the train hands last night, put aboard cars and shipped to their destination.

The accident was caused by the bursting of an air hose on the freight shortly after it had rounded a sharp curve near the trap-rock quarries in Tatham. This resulted in immediate application of the brakes and bringing the train to a standstill.

A flagman was sent back to warn the approaching express, which was filled with passengers bound for various destinations to spend Christmas. The passenger train was late and was making up time. Scarcely a minute and a half had elapsed between the time of sending the flagman back and the collision.

Engineer Henry Merritt says he saw the flagman as the express was rounding the curve and applied the air brakes. The rails were slippery, and he was utterly unable to stop in time. Fireman Wheeler saw the danger and ran out of the cab into the tender but the engineer remained at his post near the throttle.

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STORM'S DAMAGE

Traffic Impeded and Wires Down in Many Places

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet, with a rising temperature, following the recent heavy snow storms, have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York.

Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped and nearly all through trains from the west and north are delayed.

In the city the rain and sleet which froze as soon as it struck the ground made walking hazardous and wherever there was a grade on the surface roads there was great trouble. On the elevated lines brilliant electrical displays marked the passage of trains over the ice-coated third rail.

Brooklyn appeared to suffer more than Manhattan. There all the trolley lines were in trouble. At times the entire railroad system of the borough was practically tied up.

As the rain descended it froze in a firm layer on all exposed rails and made electrical circuit for the cars and trains almost impossible.

Because of the holiday an unusually small number of cars were run in the Borough yesterday and during the night the ice had plenty of time to form. On the Brooklyn elevated lines trains supposed to run in half an hour from the bridge to the end of the line required nearly two hours for the trip.

The snow fall of Sunday amounted to five inches, and before the rain and sleet began last night, the bureau had succeeded in getting together only 3,000 men and 400 carts, so that little was done toward clearing the streets.

Broadway was cleared throughout its length and the principal spots where traffic congests were relieved.

Elsewhere the snow was shoveled into huge hillocks.

How badly the telegraph and telephone wires have been crippled could not be estimated early today. All through the east and in Pennsylvania the wires are coated with ice and the extra weight has broken many of them.

In addition to the delay caused by the sleet storm the congested traffic of the upper harbor and the north and east rivers, crowded with factory-boats, was hampered by a dense fog which wrapped the city and harbor in blinding folds. So dense was the fog that it was still almost dark at 7.30 a.m. and ferry-boats bringing the store and office employes from Jersey City and Brooklyn, poked their way slowly from slip to slip in constant danger of collision. The unpleasant conditions in the harbor were increased by the drifting ice which the warm spell of weather had caused to come down from the Hudson river and packed into some of the ferry slips. Though no serious accidents were reported, many of the ferry-boats had been unable to enter their slips through the ice and the Chicago of the Pennsylvania railroad line, in smashing her way through it, struck the slip and tore away part of her guard rail and supports of her upper deck. None of the passengers was injured. Slippery rails and streets in the city were responsible for many minor accidents and collisions.

PLENTY OF SNOW.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—This portion of the southwest was today in the grasp of a genuine blizzard which extended through Missouri into Nebraska and Iowa, over the whole of Kansas and into Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Snow well to a depth of nearly a foot and, driven by a high wind, drifted badly. Trains in every direction were delayed. At some points, particularly north of Kansas City in Iowa and Nebraska, telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless by sleet for many hours.

DENSE FOG

SETTLED OVER THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Traffic of every sort was badly hampered during the early hours today by a dense fog which settled over the city and vicinity during the night. The mist came with a rise in temperature accompanied early last night by a drizzle of rain, which fell during the night. A heavy thaw resulted and this, following the two and one half days of snow fall had converted the streets into rivulets and has rendered walking both disagreeable and dangerous.

The train service is irregular and commuters residing in the suburbs were late in arriving at their places of business.

The Maritime Exchange reports its wire from the city to the Delaware Breakwater and intermediate stations in trouble. It is believed, however, that many vessels are in the harbor at the Breakwater awaiting better weather.

No vessels had arrived at this port up to 10 o'clock.

A REGULAR BLIZZARD.

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MAN PERISHED

Burned to Death in Camp Near Camden Me.

CAMDEN, Maine, Dec. 27—One man was burned to death and two others barely escaped from a burning camp in which they were sleeping late last night. The dead man is Charles Rhodes, aged 38, and unmarried, and his companions were Edward Richards, owner of the camp, and William Colburn.

The former's face and hands were burned while attempting to extinguish the flames and the latter was cut and bruised by climbing through a window. The men were passing the night in a shack near Richards' home and within the village. Shortly before midnight Richards was awakened by the flames which had started from an oil stove with which the camp was heated. He tried to arouse his guests and succeeded in the few minutes available in getting Colburn out, but Rhodes was left to perish.

Richards and Colburn who were detained until this morning as the result of an inquest held by Coroner Charles Swan, were discharged as the verdict reached was that Rhodes' death was caused by accidental burning. Rhodes' body was burned beyond recognition.

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SEVERAL KILLED

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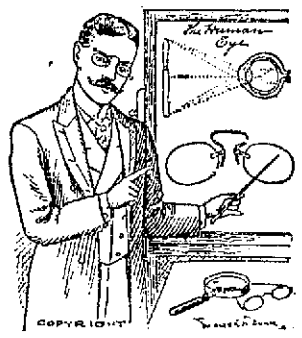

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The personal property is, in part as follows: One pair bay work horses, weigh about 2600 pounds; 1 bay driving horse, weighs 1050, six years old, sound, kind and a good driver; 2 cows and 2 heifers, one of the cows just calved, young and a big milker; about 60 swine, all prize winners; very fine boar from Whipple farm, has taken three first premiums. The pigs are from 2 to 9 months old. A very fine lot. About 50 tons of the best hay and some fodder.
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